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every strike, every blow.
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State legislature adopts resolutions against NEET, 'One Nation, One Election'

The Hindu Bureau
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Amidst protest by the BJP and the Janata Dal (Secular) members, demanding discussion on the alleged irregularities in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), both Houses of the State legislature on Thursday adopted four resolutions, against National Entrance-cum-Eligibility Test (NEET), delimitation of Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies based on the new population Census, 'One Nation, One Election' proposal, and the fourth seeking changes in the Forest Rights Act.

The resolution demanded that the Central government should not carry out delimitation of constituencies on the basis of a Census that happens in the 2026 or thereafter.

In case of increasing the number of seats based on the population, it should take into account the 1971 Census to decide the number of Lok Sabha seats in a State and the Assembly constituencies.

In the second resolution, the Congress government said the 'One Nation, One Election' proposal posed a threat to India's democratic and federal system.

Various State legislatures had their own terms of office, and a uniform election schedule could undermine States' autonomy by focusing too much on national issues and neglecting local concerns.

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States have unlimited right to tax mineral-rich lands: SC

Constitution Bench, in an 8:1 verdict, holds that Parliament, through Mines and Minerals Act, cannot restrict States from taxation; any dilution will impact their ability to raise revenues

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A nine-judge Constitution Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, on Thursday held by an 8:1 majority that Parliament cannot limit the power of State legislatures to tax mineral-bearing lands and quarries. The judgment, freeing States from the restrictions imposed by the Centre, is in tune with the federalist principles of governance.

"Any dilution in the taxing powers of the State legislatures will necessarily impact their ability to raise revenues, which in turn will impede their ability to deliver welfare schemes and services to the people. The ability of the State governments to invest in physical infrastructure, health, education, human capacity, and research and development is directly correlated to the raising of government revenues... Fiscal federalism entails that the power of the States to levy taxes within the legislative domain carved out to them and subject to the limitations laid down by the Constitution must be secured from unconstitutional interference by Parliament," the Chief Justice said.

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> Chief Justice of India

The verdict noted how mineral-rich States such as Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha continue to have per capita income below the national average.

The judgment said Parliament, through the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act of 1957, cannot restrict the States from legislating on the taxation of mining lands and quarries.

'Royalty not a tax'

The court further held that royalty paid to the States by mining lease holders is not a tax. "Royalty is not a tax. Royalty is a contractual consideration paid by the mining lessee to the lessor for enjoyment of mineral rights," the Chief Justice said.

The judgment came in a batch of 86 appeals filed by different State governments, mining companies and public sector undertakings.

The case has its roots in a dispute between India Cements Ltd. and the Tamil Nadu government.

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I-T portal fixed; July 31 deadline likely to stay

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The July 31 deadline for filing income tax (I-T) returns is unlikely to be extended.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has intervened to fix recent glitches and downtimes reported on the I-T portal by ramping up its backend capacity to manage the higher workload this year.

CBDT Chairperson Ravi Agarwal told *The Hindu* that 28 lakh tax returns were filed on Wednesday with no downtime reported.

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Six dead as heavy rain batters Maharashtra

Purnima Sah
MUMBAI

Incessant rain wreaked havoc in several parts of Maharashtra on Thursday, leaving at least six persons dead and 12 injured, and inundating houses in low-lying areas.

Three persons are feared trapped after a landslip in Lavasa.

While two persons died in a lightning strike in Chandrapur, three died from electrocution in the Deccan Gymkhana area of Pune, and one died in a landslip in Maval tehsil of Pune.

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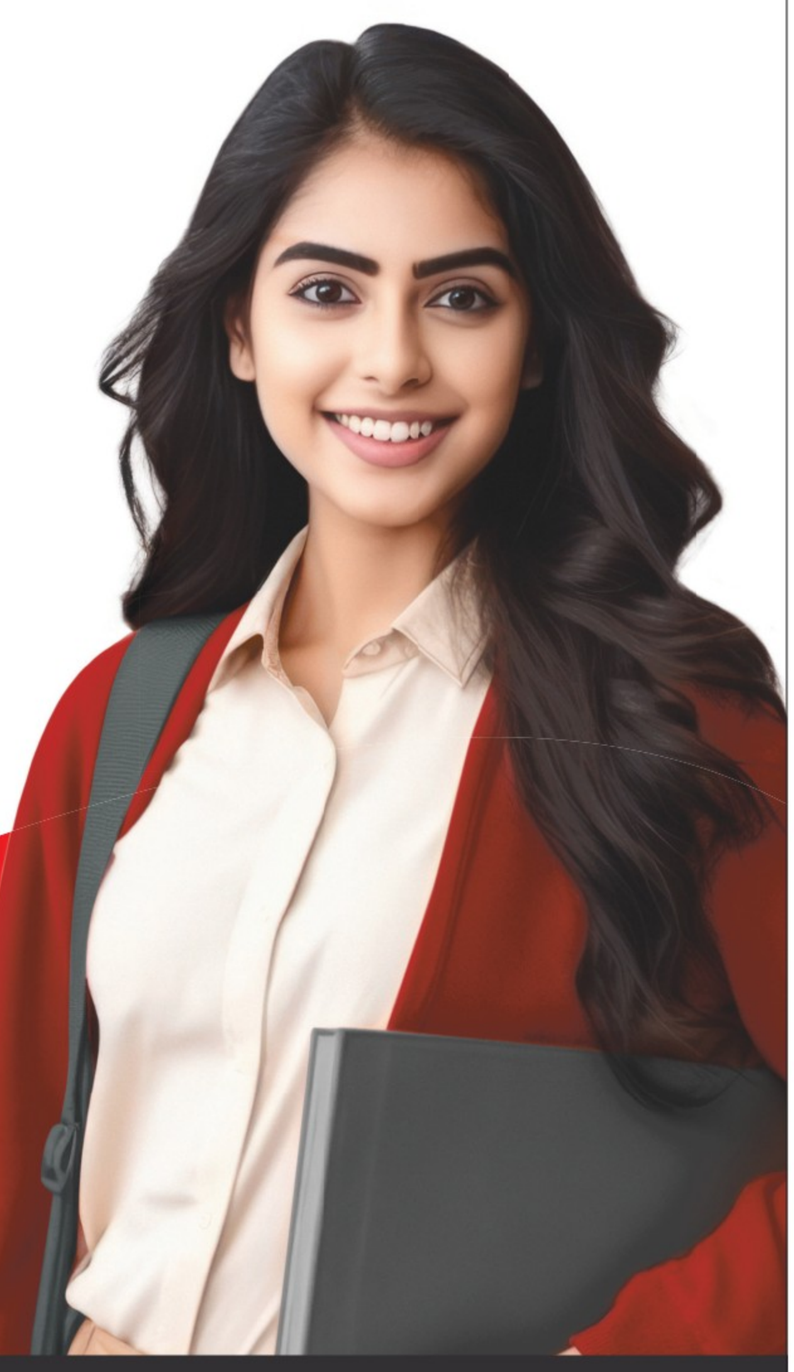

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Avengers Assemble! A look at Gambhir's right-hand men

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Prize catch(es): Nayar and ten Doeschate, who were vital cogs in Gambhir's scheme of things at Kolkata Knight Riders, will be a valuable presence in the Indian team dugout. PTI

R. Kaushik
PALLEKELE

Strange, but true: India's World Cup-winning squad of 1983 had precisely one individual for support. P.R. Man Singh beat back the challenge of Niranjan Shah through an election to earn the right to be the team manager, rounding off the contingent of 15 that would officially represent the country at the last of the 60-over World Cups.

Single-handedly, Man Singh had to manage travel and training arrangements, dole out allowances, ensure that all official commitments were honoured, facilitate the immediate treatment of injured players, the works... Get it, right?

The mushrooming of the cricketing ecosystem has brought us to such a pass that today, on average, there is one member of the support staff for each player in the squad. That's no longer an excess; with cricket leaving behind its amateur days and stepping into a bold, new professional world where there is no place for excuses or laggards, this has become a necessity, not a luxury.

To each their own

Cricket head coaches, like their counterparts in other team sports, tend to bring their own coaching staff when they take charge. More than anything else, it's because they know what these individuals bring to the table, they trust them implicitly and they know that everyone is on the same page, pulling in the same direction. It's not that they don't have confidence in the existing personnel; a fresh start is sometimes not just welcome but imperative because in today's world, remaining static is often a retrograde step.

Support personnel of late have tended to follow the head coach out of the scheme of things. When Ravi Shastri's tenure ended in November 2021, bowling coach B Arun and fielding coach R Sridhar, who had been with the Indian team since the second half of 2014 – except for one year in Arun's case when Anil Kumble was the head coach – wrote to the Board of Control for Cricket in India expressing their desire to move on.

When Rahul Dravid succeeded Shastri, he brought Paras Mhambrey and T. Dilip on board as bowling and fielding coaches respectively while retaining the services of Vikram Rathour, who had succeeded Sanjay Bangar as the batting coach after the 2019 50-over World Cup.

Mhambrey and Rathour's terms ended alongside Dravid's extended tenure last month, ushering in a new chapter in Indian cricket under the stewardship of Gautam Gambhir, the spunky former opener. It is the fitness of things that Gambhir should pick and choose his own support staff; while Dilip remains the fielding coach, Abhishek Nayar and former Dutch international Ryan ten Doeschate have been recruited as assistant coaches, with former South African paceman Morne Morkel almost certain to join the team in the near future as the bowling coach.

Old friends

Gambhir is extremely familiar with this trio that will assist him over the next three and a half years as India seek to retain their pre-eminence in the cricketing stratosphere. By his own admission, Gambhir has inherited a very successful outfit from Dravid - India were runners-up in the World Test Championship and the 50-World Cup, losing both finals to Australia in 2023, and recently ended a long trophyless run by clinching the T20 World Cup crown in Bridgetown. Gambhir faces the daunting task of emulating, if not bettering, his former captain; in that endeavour, he must be allowed all the resources he feels are necessary to take the team to the next level.

There is more to assistant/specialised coaches than meets the eye. On the limited platform visible to those intimately invested in the game, they run training sessions, keep an eye on batting techniques or bowling disciplines depending on their job description, suggest minor tweaks that can go a long way and generally are businesslike. But what transpires behind the scenes is just as significant, if not more.

One of the keys to being a successful coach – head or assistant – is man-management, the ability to work out what brings the best out of different individuals. There can't be a one-size-fits-all approach; every player is wired differently and therefore what might spur a Jasprit Bumrah on might not work with Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj. Or vice versa.

Arun was a master at understanding individuals and speaking a language, both literally and otherwise, that found resonance with his wards. He wasn't averse to cracking the whip and letting loose when it came to Shami, Siraj, Umesh Yadav or even Ishant Sharma, but he was intelligent enough to understand that Bumrah, more sensitive than he might appear, needed to be handled differently.

No 'I' in team

Good coaching revolves around empowering players, asking them to take responsibility for their actions and getting them to understand that ultimately individual ambitions must fall in line behind the collective goal.

Gary Kirsten was an instant hit with the Indian team when he took charge in early 2008; disillusioned and somewhat dispirited in the Greg Chappell days, the players began to view Kirsten as a benevolent older brother rather than the headmaster they felt his Australian

predecessor had been.

During his playing days, Kirsten craved a few 'luxuries' that weren't forthcoming. Such as being allowed to come a little late to the ground during a Test match on a batting day for his team if he had already been dismissed the previous day.

With freedom comes responsibility

Finding himself in a position to bestow that gift on his charges, the former South African opener gave them the freedom they craved. Kirsten was a big fan of optional training sessions where players had the choice of turning up or not, but he left no one in any doubt that if they didn't embrace commitment and discipline, there would be a price to pay.

By allowing the players to dictate their routines and commitment, he subtly but emphatically shifted the onus on them. It's no coincidence that some of India's best results, including the climb to the No. 1 ranking in Test cricket for the first time in December 2009 and the title run at the 2011 home World Cup, came during that golden period.

A certain continuity in messaging, if not the actual style of coaching, is essential for the players to not have to flit from one tack to another.

It can be confusing and somewhat unsettling if there is a dynamic and drastic shift in approaches to training and practice, as well as planning, when the coaching structure undergoes a shake-up, no matter how experienced and professional the players might be.

Gambhir is no product of an organised coaching structure in that he doesn't have the qualifications that numerous other coaches have, but he is contemporary, has been associated in a loose coaching capacity as a successful mentor of more than one IPL franchise and brings with him unmatched experience as well as the reputation of being a hard-nosed competitor who knows not what it is to take a backward step.

His retinue of assistant coaches is famed and celebrated. Nayar, who had a short international career, has made a name for himself as a hugely influential personal coach whose 'clients' include Robin Uthappa and Dinesh Karthik, among others. He has been a strong No.2 to head coach Chandrakant Pandit at Kolkata Knight Riders, the defending IPL champions, and his knowledge of the game as well as evolving trends are second to none.

Ten Doeschate, the only player from the Netherlands to play in the IPL (for KKR from 2011 to 2015), has a World Cup hundred to his name, rejoined KKR as their fielding coach in 2023, has mentored the Dutch national team, been involved with English county side Kent and was a part of the coaching set-up at KKR's sister franchise, LA Knight Riders, in the United States' Major League Cricket.

He has played more than 200 matches each in first-class and List A (domestic 50-over) cricket and boasts nearly 400 representative T20 appearances. Tendo, as he is often referred to, is held in high esteem by Gambhir, who called him 'the greatest team man I have ever played with'. It is unlikely that his celebrated traits won't rub off on the Indian players.

Been there, done that

Morkel is no stranger to fame and limelight, even if he was largely forced to operate in the shadow of the luminous Dale Steyn. The strapping right-arm paceman was the bowling coach at Lucknow Super Giants when Gambhir was the mentor, as well as with the Pakistan national team.

At LSG, he worked closely with several promising young Indian pacers who have been nothing but glowing in his praise. It is expected that Morkel will join the Indian set-up after the white-ball tour of Sri Lanka, where former leg-spinner Sairaj Bahutule has slotted in as the bowling coach. Once Gambhir's full complement of assistants is in place, he can take forward his plans to maintain India's dominance in world cricket.

A slew of high-profile, high-pressure series/tournaments are imminent, not least a five-Test tour of Australia and the 50-over Champions Trophy in the next seven months.

Despite their growing maturity and the realisation that their heroes can't end up on the winning side every single time, India's millions of fans will expect Gambhir to build on the Dravid legacy.

The 42-year-old is well aware that winning is the only measure of success; towards that end, he will believe that he has chosen his comrades in arms well and wisely, that he has taken the first steps in what he hopes will be a journey of fulfilment and silverware galore.

THE GIST

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Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill referred to joint select panel

The panel will have members from both Houses of the State legislature

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Opposition members protesting in the Well of the Legislative Assembly on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The controversial Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill, 2024, which envisages restructuring the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) into multiple corporations, will be referred to a Joint Select Committee comprising members of both the Houses of the State Legislature.

This was announced by Speaker U.T. Khadar in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday.

Earlier in the day, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also holds the Bengaluru Development portfolio, announced in the Assembly that the Bill will be referred to a committee for a detailed discussion, even as the Opposition BJP and JD(S) members strongly demanded deferring the discussion on it.

The Bill, cleared by the Cabinet, was introduced on July 23 in the Assembly amid protests by the BJP, whose members argued that the proposed law would not improve the administration of the State capital.

On Thursday, amidst protests by BJP and JD(S) members in the well of the Assembly demanding a discussion on alleged irregularities in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok and S.T. Somashekar (both BJP) urged the government to refer the Bill to a House committee.

The Bill contains a provision to create up to 10 corporations to run the city. As per the Bill, the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), led by the Chief Minister, will constitute the apex layer. The three-tier administrative pyramid will have city corporations in the middle and ward committees at the bottom.

While the first draft of the Bill was put together by a committee of experts, a different version of it that was tabled in the Assembly had been tweaked to give GBA executive powers and financial powers.

Besides political opposition from the BJP, the Bill tabled in the Assembly has also been opposed by civil society groups, who argue that its provisions are antagonistic to the 74th amendment of the Constitution of India, which decentralises power to the urban local bodies.

Chennai-Mysuru rail project: Farmers to get 4 times land value as compensation

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

At present, the quickest train journey from Mysuru to Chennai via Bengaluru is offered by the Vande Bharat Express at 6 hours and 30 minutes. In contrast, the High-Speed Rail is expected to reduce travel time to 2 hours and 25 minutes. FILE PHOTO

The Central government has promised compensation at four times the value of the land after farmers in Kolar district of Karnataka, who depend on agriculture and horticulture, expressed concerns about losing their fertile land to the 435-km Chennai-Bengaluru-Mysuru high-speed rail (HSR) project.

Recently, the National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) and the Deputy Commissioner's office conducted a public consultation with farmers in Kolar regarding the project.

The project aims to link three cities and will run approximately 70 km through Kolar district. A survey has already been carried out, and the district administration has engaged in discussions with farmers whose land comes in the proposed railway corridor.

Krishnappa A., a farmer, said, "We were initially worried that the project would take away our livelihood. However, the government of India has promised compensation at the rate of four times the value of our land. Hence, we are relieved."

According to officials, the Central Government will be providing compensation to farmers at four times the value of their land. Kolar Deputy Commissioner Akram Pasha said, "If any building is on the proposed route, in addition to land compensation, the government will provide extra compensation for the structure."

Prasanna Kumar, a farmer in Kolar, said, "Despite the good compensation, the fact remains that our main livelihood is gone. We have urged the government to provide jobs for our children, either in the railways or in the private sector, which may see growth after the HSR is completed."

"A survey has been completed for the project. Studies on the environmental and social impact were carried out. Based on the survey findings, we had discussions with farmers. The tracks will primarily be constructed as bridges and tunnels, avoiding ground-level placement," Mr. Pasha said.

Mr. Pasha said that a 17-metre (55 feet) wide strip of land will be acquired in the areas where the corridor will pass.

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Officials claim that the HSR trains will run at an average speed of around 250 kmph and will be capable of reaching speeds of up to 350 kmph, and each train will be able to accommodate 750 passengers.

Nine gender minority candidates for constable post seek another chance

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Movement for Sexuality and Sexual Pluralism on Thursday alleged that nine gender minority candidates who cleared the written test for the post of police constable failed the physical tests due to a lack of training.

Speaking at a press conference here, Vaishali N. Byali, co-chairperson of Movement for Gender and Sexual Pluralism, demanded that the Women and Child Development Department, the nodal department for gender minorities in Karnataka, should provide coaching to the gender minority candidates who failed the police constable physical examination and give them an opportunity to reappear in the examination.

Mallika K. of Kolar, who was one of the candidates, said: "During the physical test on July 8, in Kolar, I was made to run and do the long jump with cis-gender men. I underwent sex reassignment surgery two years ago. My body is not a male body. How can I compete with cis-gender men? We should be allowed to appear for the exam again in the category of cis-gender women."

Senior advocate B.T. Venkatesh said: "It is wrong to include transgender persons in the gender category for physical examination. This shows the failure of the police department to understand the transgender community. The government should immediately hold a dialogue with the gender minority community and formulate gender minority sensitive police recruitment policies."

Manohar Elavarthi, human rights activist, said in the last two years after the 1% job reservation was brought in, very few gender minorities have got government jobs, as many stopped their studies years ago and many crossed the age limit for applying. "The State government should prove its commitment to development of gender minorities by relaxing the age limit by at least five years and conducting special recruitment drives for gender minorities for," he said.

Court denies Darshan's request for home food

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 24th Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate court on Thursday rejected the application of actor Darshan requesting for home-cooked food and other privileges, including clothing and bedding.

In the application, Darshan said being an actor, he is under strict and healthy diet to maintain his physique and the food provided is not good as a result of which he suffered from diarrhoea and indigestion.

Objecting to the request, Special Public Prosecutor P. Prasanna Kumar said Darshan cannot be given special treatment contrary to the rules under the Karnataka Prisons and Correctional Services Manual, 2021.

He contended that the provision can only be considered after the recommendation of the authorities concerned.

The court noted that the health reason cited by Darshan did not corroborate with the report of the Chief Medical Officer.

Karnataka got ₹7,559 crore for rail projects in Union Budget, says SWR

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amidst allegations by the Karnataka government that the State was cold-shouldered in the recently presented Union Budget for 2024-25, the South Western Railway (SWR) has claimed that Karnataka was allocated ₹7,559 crore for railway projects in the Budget, which is a nine-fold increase compared to the average budget grant of ₹835 crore from 2009-14.

SWR official said Karnataka was implementing 31 projects spanning 3,840 km, with a total investment of ₹47,016 crore. "Over the past decade, 638 road overbridges and Road underbridges have been constructed across the State, greatly enhancing safety for commuters," he added.

The State's railway infrastructure has seen upgrades, with the average annual new line construction increasing to 163 km from 2014 to 2024, a 1.4-fold rise compared to the previous decade. "Furthermore, the average electrification rate surged from 18 km per year between 2009 and 2014 to 317 km per year over the past 10 years," the official added.

A file photo of electrification of railway tracks in the South Western Railway zone.

Under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, 59 railway stations in Karnataka are set to be redeveloped with world-class facilities. For the SWR zone specifically, 46 stations are being redeveloped at a cost of ₹1,103 crore, including major upgrades at Yeshwantpur and Bengaluru Cantonment stations. The redevelopment of Yeshwantpur station, at a cost of ₹367 crore, is expected to be completed by July 2025, while Bengaluru Cantonment station, at a cost of ₹484 crore, is projected for completion by October 2025.

SWR informed that it has achieved 88% route electrification, and is aiming for 100% electrification by March 2025.

Meanwhile, rail activists are uncertain about how much of this allocation will actually benefit railway services, especially SWR.

Rajkumar Dugar, convener of Citizens for Citizens, told *The Hindu*, "More than the amount allocated, our concern lies with the improvement of services. When it comes to railways, two aspects need attention: infrastructure and services. There are numerous instances where infrastructure has been upgraded, but service quality remains poor. It's crucial to address both these issues. Funding should be allocated wisely. Instead of spending on fancy, airport-like stations, railways should prioritize improving smaller halt stations that are heavily relied upon by the public."

Activists uncertain about how much of this allocation will actually benefit railway services

K.N. Krishnaprasad, a rail activist from Bengaluru, stressed the need for transparency from the Railways. Alongside Budget allocations, he urged for detailed reports on how the previous year's Budget allocations were utilised.

"More important than the amount of money allocated is the progress made in the previous year. Railways should prioritise land acquisition, which currently lacks transparency regarding expenditure. Only with timely and efficient land acquisition can the railway system truly progress," he told *The Hindu*.

UGCET-24: Candidates get one week for option entry

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The option entry for UGCET-24 candidates for professional courses, including Engineering, Architecture, and Bachelor of Veterinary Science, among others, began on July 23, and the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has given one week for the candidates to submit their options.

The candidates have been told to follow the preferential order while entering their options. For more details regarding option entry and seat allotment stages, candidates can refer to the UGCET-2024 Information Bulletin.

Website link enabled

The link on the KEA website has been enabled to download the verification slip.

"The mock seat allotment results will be published three days after the last date for entering the options. Following this, candidates will be allowed to change their options for three days. After this period, the actual results will be declared," said a press release from KEA.

NEET dates

However, the last date for option entry might be extended depending on the NEET counselling dates announcement by the National Medical Council.

"More than three lakh students wrote the CET for various professional courses, and around two lakh students will participate in the counselling process. It will take time, and that is why we decided to open the option entry. We are expecting NMC to announce the first round of counselling dates in the next couple of days. Once they do, we will also open the option entry for NEET on our website. If students ask for more time, then we will not mind pushing the last date further," said H. Prasanna, Executive Director, KEA.

He also said seat allotment will take place together for both CET and NEET.

Middleman cheats businessman of ₹25 lakh

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Central Crime Branch officials recently registered a case against a middleman for allegedly cheating a 62-year-old businessman of ₹25 lakh.

The victim, a resident of V.V. Puram who owns a readymade garments shop in Chickpet, asked his friend in Delhi for a loan of ₹25 lakh to expand his business. His friend agreed and asked him to take the cash in Delhi.

Meanwhile, the victim was approached by a person, identified as Jayesh, who offered to give him the cash in Bengaluru, while taking the same amount from the victim's friend through his contact in Delhi. As it saved time, the victim agreed to the proposition. As part of the deal, on June 14, Jayesh asked him to come to the Jain temple near Nagarpet. He reached the spot and found a man carrying a transparent plastic cover with five bundles of ₹500 currency notes.

As there was heavy rush, he did not check the cash and told his friend over the phone that he had received the money, following which the latter handed over ₹25 lakh cash to Jayesh's contact, who was with him at the time.

He went home and found a few ₹500 notes on top of the bundles, while the rest were blank papers. The victim went into shock and underwent treatment for a few days before approaching the police.

Bangalore University starts Language Lab and Finishing School to make students employable

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Bangalore University has started a "Language Lab and Finishing School" on the Jnana Bharathi campus to facilitate employment for students from rural areas and with a Kannada medium background.

English communication is being taught to the students in the Language Lab and computer and other skills in the Finishing School. Undergraduate and postgraduate students of the university are trained in these facilities, and each batch will have around 25 students.

English communication is taught in the Language Lab while computer and other related skills in the Finishing School.

Why this initiative

Most of the students studying at Bangalore University are from rural areas around the capital city and have studied in Kannada medium. As the number of government jobs is shrinking, it is inevitable to find jobs in the private sector after graduation or post graduation, which demand English language and other skills.

"Although the students are highly competent academically, they lack the necessary skills to secure employment in the private sector. In order to compete for jobs, our students need English communication, computer and other skills. So, we have started Language Lab and Finishing School," said Dr. M.S. Jayakara, Vice Chancellor, Bangalore University.

In the Language Lab, the faculties assess the English level of the students and train them in the basics if necessary.

Advanced courses and English communication are taught to those who know the average level of English. "Learning is emphasised by constantly giving tests to the students. We will end the training once the students become fluent in English. Classes are held in different batches regularly," explained Mr. Jayakara.

Various skills

In the Finishing School, along with communication skills, students will be trained in computers, problem-solving, creative thinking, how to face competitive exams, interviews, dealing with people through e-mail, company operations and so on.

"These are good programmes for the future benefit of the students. We provide training free of cost, and our faculty are imparting training in the best way. So students should utilise this and get good jobs," Mr. Jayakara added.

Addressing risk factors could reduce dementia cases by 40%: report

The steady decline in India's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has led to an increase in the proportion of older adults. As of 2019, India is home to over 139 million people aged 60 and above, accounting for more than 10% of the population. By 2050, the percentage of elderly people is projected to double to 19.5%, with 319 million individuals over 60

Sunil K. Khokhar

The rapid growth of India's aging population, coupled with a rise in modifiable risk factors such as air pollution, hypertension, traumatic brain injury (TBI), and obesity, presents a significant challenge for the nation's public health and social care systems. Dementia, or neurodegenerative disorder, a major cause of cognitive disability and dependency among the elderly, is expected to affect millions of Indian families over the next two decades.

The steady decline in India's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) over the past several decades has led to an increase in the proportion of older adults in the population. As of 2019, India is home to over 139 million people aged 60 and above, accounting for more than 10% of the nation's entire population. By 2050, the percentage of elderly people is projected to nearly double to 19.5%, with 319 million individuals over the age of 60. Consequently, it is anticipated that one in every five Indians will be a senior citizen. The TFR in India has witnessed a significant decline, dropping from 5.2 in 1971 to 2.0 in 2020, and it is now lower than 2.1, the replacement level.

TFR, which is the average number of children per woman, has further declined from 2.2 to 2.0 at the national level between National Family Health Survey (NFHS) 4 and 5. There are only five States in India that are above the replacement level of fertility which is 2.1. These are Bihar (3.0), Meghalaya (2.9), Uttar Pradesh (2.4), Jharkhand (2.3), and Manipur (2.2), according to NFHS-5, released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. This shift has contributed to an aging population, as people are living longer and having fewer children.

Need for policy reforms

The Lancet Commission's 2020 report on dementia prevention, intervention, and care, combined with findings from the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) 2020, highlights the urgent need for policy reforms and targeted interventions to tackle the growing dementia crisis in India. The country is confronting a growing challenge to manage age-related diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, vascular dementia, and other neurodegenerative disorders. The demographic shift stands to exacerbate several risk factors for dementia identified in the Lancet Commission report, including hypertension, obesity, smoking, depression, social isolation, and physical inactivity.

Compared to NFHS-4, the prevalence of obesity has increased in most States in NFHS-5. At the national level, it increased from 21% to 24% among women and 19% to 23% among men. More than a third of women in Kerala, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Sikkim, Manipur, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Punjab, Chandigarh, and Lakshadweep (34-46%) are overweight or obese. With an aging population, the number of individuals at risk of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia will increase substantially in India. A research study conducted in India discovered that older individuals with disabilities were more prone to living alone, exacerbating their sense of social isolation and deprivation (Ugargol et al., 2016). A failure to address this growing health concern could result in significant social and economic consequences.

The country is confronting a growing challenge to manage age-related diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, vascular dementia, and other neurodegenerative disorders. FILE PHOTO

One of the key strategies to address the dementia challenge is to invest in early detection and timely intervention. The Lancet Commission report suggests that up to 40% of dementia cases may be preventable by addressing modifiable risk factors. Public health initiatives aimed at promoting healthier lifestyles, such as regular exercise, a balanced diet, and smoking cessation, can reduce the prevalence of these risk factors and curb the rise of Alzheimer's disease. The Government of India must prioritise the development of a robust and comprehensive healthcare infrastructure to cater to its aging population. This includes training healthcare professionals in geriatric care, establishing specialised dementia care facilities, and promoting research to better understand the disease's epidemiology and develop effective treatments.

Addressing risk factors

To confront the impending dementia crisis over the next two decades, India must take a proactive approach to addressing risk factors.

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Firstly there is air pollution, which is a pervasive issue in India, with many cities experiencing hazardous levels of pollutants that pose severe health risks. Research suggests that long-term exposure to air pollution can lead to chronic inflammation, oxidative stress, and neuroinflammation, contributing to cognitive decline and an increased risk of dementia. As India's population continues to age, the detrimental effects of air pollution on cognitive health cannot be ignored.

Essential to managing these risks will be the adoption of stringent air quality regulations and sustainable urban planning strategies to reduce air pollution levels. Also essential are the adoption of cleaner transportation alternatives, the promotion of renewable energy, and investments in the monitoring and reporting of air quality data.

Secondly, addressing hypertension and obesity is critical. Governments must develop and implement nationwide campaigns to raise awareness about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, emphasising regular exercise, a balanced diet, and weight management. Strengthening primary healthcare services to facilitate early detection and treatment of hypertension, obesity, and related health issues is recommended.

Thirdly, in relation to traumatic brain injury, the state must implement public safety measures and regulations to reduce the incidence of TBI, focusing on road safety, occupational safety, and sports safety. Also critical is enhancing awareness about TBI and its potential long-term consequences, including the increased risk of dementia,.

There is no doubt that the underlying message is to greatly expand investment in healthcare infrastructure.

The government must establish specialised dementia care facilities and train healthcare professionals in geriatric care, with a focus on early detection, intervention, and management of dementia and associated risk factors. Investments in research to understand the links between risk factors and dementia, paving the way for development of effective interventions and treatments are also important. Alongside, it is necessary to raise public awareness, and to increase public understanding of dementia and its risk factors, apart from encouraging individuals to take proactive measures to maintain cognitive health as they age and of course, fostering a supportive environment for those affected by dementia and their families.

Comprehensive response

The intersection of India's growing elderly population and the increasing prevalence of modifiable dementia risk factors calls for an immediate and comprehensive response.

To effectively address the impending dementia crisis and secure a healthier future for its aging population, India must adopt a multifaceted strategy focused on addressing risk factors, enhancing healthcare infrastructure, and raising public awareness. The National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE), Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs), under the Ayushman Bharat program, and the National Policy for Senior Citizens 2011 represent essential initiatives undertaken by the Indian Government to support the well-being of its aging citizens.

These initiatives highlight the government's commitment to meeting the evolving needs of the elderly and ensuring their welfare and social inclusion. To cultivate an environment where senior citizens can lead healthy, dignified, and rewarding lives, the government must diligently implement and monitor these programs and policies.

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THE GIST

- The country is confronting a growing challenge to manage neurodegenerative disorders. The demographic shift exacerbates several risk factors for dementia including hypertension, obesity, smoking, depression, social isolation, and physical inactivity
- Older individuals with disabilities are prone to living alone, worsening social isolation and deprivation. A failure to address this could result in significant social and economic consequences
- Key to addressing the dementia challenge is a proactive approach to risk factors like air pollution, which cause chronic inflammation, oxidative stress, and neuroinflammation, contributing to cognitive decline and an increased risk of dementia

BIG SHOT

Bengaluru municipality workers fumigate residential localities to control dengue. PTI

'Teaching mental well being will reduce suicides'

R. Sujatha

A recent article in the *Lancet* has once again turned the spotlight on suicide. Psychiatrists have been talking about ways to reduce suicides but rue the fact that governments, state and central, have shown little interest.

A blueprint to stem suicides, the National Suicide Prevention Strategy, was launched in November 2022. The aim was to establish effective surveillance mechanisms for suicide within three years and establish psychiatric outpatient departments to provide suicide prevention services through the District Mental Health Programmes in all districts within the next five years. It called for integrating a mental well-being curriculum into all educational institutions within eight years. It also sought to develop guidelines for responsible media reporting of suicides and restrict access to the means for suicide.

In India, more than 1 lakh lives are lost annually to suicide, and it is the top killer in the 15-29 age group. GETTY IMAGES

Top killer

In India, more than 1 lakh lives are lost annually to suicide, and it is the top killer in the 15-29 years category. From 2019 to 2022, the suicide rate increased from 10.2 to 11.3 per 1,00,000.

The NSSP envisages a specific strategy for every state and district. "We have explained the strategy, who should implement it, and the cascading effect. The ministry of health, education, and agriculture in each state must have a task force. We have provided short-term, medium-term, and long-term goals. But two years later, nothing has happened," said Lakshmi Vijayakumar, who has been running a suicide prevention programme, Sneha, for four decades. The health department should take the lead, but other departments like fertilisers, chemicals, information and broadcasting should also be represented in the task force, she said. The education department should be included to promote emotional wellbeing.

Soumitra Pathare, Director for Centre for Mental Health Law and Policy, one of the framers blames lack of political will.

'Sense of fatality'

"There is a sense of fatality when we start talking about suicide prevention. 'We cannot completely eliminate suicides', is what we hear. Instead of saying prevention we must say reduction. Even a 20% drop in suicides would save 40,000 lives annually," he remarked.He also blamed the lack of will in the media to make conscientious efforts to educate themselves on reporting suicides. By talking about suicides we would be acknowledging the problem and try to find solutions, he reasoned.

Dr. Pathare and Dr. Lakshmi pointed out that it is likely the only health condition which claims 1.27 lakh lives but there is no government programme to prevent it. Dr. Pathare cited Tamil Nadu as an example where suicides had reduced thanks to supplementary examinations for school students. Yet the government has done nothing to implement NSPS . "The present approach is piecemeal. We need a district wise programme that can bring about consistent results," Dr. Pathare said. Dr. Lakshmi calls for several editions of competitive exams so youngsters gain confidence that they can appear whenever they want.

"The National Education Policy is good, but it has not been implemented. The vocational guidance programme and multiple exits, grade system, and the flexibility to make course changes are all good. But it has not been implemented," she said.

Policy changes work

"I would like to emphasise that policy changes do make a difference and these policies are there and need to be implemented. Once implemented, we see results. And the example is Tamil Nadu. "Tie up NEP and NSPS, and by implementing the strategies deaths can be reduced," she said.

Dheeraj Singh, an alumnus of the IIT Kanpur who mentors students from IITs, said: "Suicides can be prevented with timely supportive action. Citizens must learn the skills of identifying someone with suicidal thoughts, asking them openly about their thoughts, talking to them without fear, and referring them to a caregiver who can complete a safety plan and provide suicide prevention counselling. These steps, if taken with care person, can save many lives at risk."

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(Assistance for overcoming suicidal thoughts is available on the State's health helpline 104, Tele-MANAS 14416. and Sneha's suicide prevention helpline 044-24640050)

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FIR against 4 persons for polluting lake

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The Parappana Agrahara police on Wednesday registered an FIR against four persons for allegedly letting the underground drainage line discharge directly into the Shantipura lake since 2016, despite a High Court direction.

Based on a complaint by Rahman Shariff, Panchayat Development Officer of Shantipura Gram Panchayat, the police have registered a case against the president of the Shantipura Residential Welfare Association, and the owners of Ananda Reddy Layout, Naidu Layout, and DX Max. According to the complaint, the accused had constructed the drainage line to enable the sewage to flow directly into the Shantipura lake. Owing to this, the lake was not only polluted but also posed health hazards.

Taking cognisance of it, then Anekal tahsildar Parveen Taj filed a complaint in 2016 with the jurisdictional Parappana Agarahara police, who filed a charge sheet against the accused. The accused had moved the High Court with a writ petition to quash the charge sheet, following which the HC, in an order this April, directed the accused not to let sewage into the lake. Following the order, the GP had also issued notice to the accused in this regard.

Despite the HC order, the accused allegedly continued to let sewage into the lake. This came to light during an inspection conducted on Wednesday by the GP.

Peenya flyover to reopen for heavy vehicles after 3-year delay

However, commuters will continue to face inconvenience on weekends owing to work on elevated flyover. As a result, heavy motor vehicles are banned every Friday from 6 a.m. to Saturday 6 a.m.

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The delay in repairing the flyover and NHAI's decision not to allow heavy vehicles resulted in traffic congestion on the busy Tumakuru road. SUDHAKARA JAIN

After a delay of around three years, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will reopen the Peenya flyover for heavy vehicles on July 29. However, some restrictions will continue.

Following criticism from commuters who were stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic on Tumakuru Road, NHAI decided to open the Peenya flyover, also known as Sri Shivakumara Swami flyover, in north Bengaluru.

However, heavy vehicle drivers will continue to face inconvenience on weekends due to ongoing special repair work on the elevated road. Heavy motor vehicles will not be allowed on the flyover from Friday 6 a.m. to Saturday 6 a.m. till further notice.

Apart from this, the traffic police have imposed a speed limit of 40 kmph, as recommended by NHAI. In a joint public notice issued on July 25, NHAI and the traffic police stated that heavy motor vehicles must use the left lane, and a speed limit of 40 kmph will be in force on the flyover.

A senior official of NHAI said, "After receiving permission from headquarters, we have opened the 4.2-km-long flyover to heavy vehicles. The flyover will be closed for heavy vehicles from 6 a.m. on Friday to 6 a.m. on Saturday for cable grouting work."

On December 25, 2021, NHAI prohibited vehicle movement on the flyover after discovering slippage of three pre-stressed cables in one span and one in another span during a routine inspection. Initially, there were plans for a two-week ban on movement of vehicles on the flyover.

However, due to safety concerns for motorists and the flyover, NHAI extended the repair period. This led to traffic disruptions, prompting discussions in the Assembly about delay in work by NHAI. After a gap of 50 days, light motor vehicles were allowed on the flyover.

The delay of around three years in repairing the Peenya flyover and the NHAI's decision not to allow heavy vehicles had resulted in traffic congestion on the busy Tumakuru Road. Every day, thousands of vehicles, including inter-state and intra-state buses, travel along Tumakuru Road. At night, both Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation and private buses often faced extended travel times due to traffic congestion.

The restriction on heavy vehicles contributed to traffic jams beneath the flyover, particularly from Goraguntepalya to the Parle-G toll gate. In 2023, NHAI began repair work at a cost of ₹38.5 crore.

NHAI's decision to restrict movement of heavy vehicles on Fridays and Saturdays has not gone down well with motorists who foresee traffic congestion under the flyover during weekends. Manohar S., a resident of Jalahalli, said, "NHAI's inefficiency in repairing the flyover promptly has been severely problematic for daily commuters. The prolonged delay has exacerbated traffic problems on this route. Furthermore, the decision to ban heavy vehicles on Fridays and Saturdays will likely worsen congestion. This shows that the repair carried out by NHAI on the flyover is not complete."

Another motorist urged the government to conduct an inquiry into the repairs and to consult experts, citing NHAI's lack of transparency and delay in completing the work. "The delay in completing the work, followed by restrictions on heavy vehicles, and now the weekend ban, highlights NHAI's ineffectiveness and risk to public safety. I urge the State and Central governments to initiate an inquiry into problems plaguing the flyover," said Harish Kumar, resident of Dasarahalli.

Release of special covers today

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To commemorate the 25th year of Kargil Vijay Diwas and the opening ceremony of Paris Olympic Games, the Department of Posts, Karnataka Circle, will release special covers on Friday. Special and slogan cancellation will also be released, besides releasing picture postcards in collaboration with the Post Crossing Society of India. The event will be held at Bengaluru GPO at 10.30 a.m.

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India's illegal coal mining problem

How prevalent is illegal coal mining in India? What are the legal frameworks governing coal mining in India? Why is the responsibility for addressing illegal mining placed on State governments? What factors contribute to the persistence of illegal coal mining? What safety risks do workers face?

EXPLAINER

Priyali Prakash

The story so far:

On July 13, three workers died of asphyxiation inside an illegal coal mine in Gujarat's Surendranagar district. The officials said that the workers were working in a mine near Bhet village in Thangadh taluka without helmets, masks, or other safety equipment. The first information report (FIR) indicated that the accused failed to provide essential safety gear to the labourers, who died after inhaling toxic gas in the mine. The police have registered a case of culpable homicide not amounting to murder against four people.

What is the issue?

The Surendranagar incident is not an isolated case.

In June 2023, three people, including a ten-year-old child, were reportedly killed after an illegal mine collapsed in the Dhanbad district of Jharkhand. Similarly, at least three people were killed in October 2023 after a coal mine collapsed during illegal extraction in West Bengal's Paschim Bardhaman district.

These are just a few examples of how illegal coal mining has led to worker fatalities in India.

Coal in India was nationalised in two phases: first with the coking coal (used for the production of coke in the steel industry) in 1971-72; and then with the non-coking coal mines in 1973. The Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 is the central legislation that determines eligibility for coal mining in India. Illegal mining constitutes a law and order problem, which is a State list subject. Hence, the onus of dealing with it falls on State governments rather than the Union government.

Why is illegal coal mining rampant in India?

According to the Ministry of Coal, illegal mining in India is mostly carried out in abandoned mines or shallow coal seams in remote or isolated places. Several factors contribute to illegal coal mining in India.

Mining perils: Labourers carry baskets of coal from an open-cast mine in Jharkhand. AP

Coal is the most abundant fossil fuel in India, accounting for 55% of the country's energy needs. The high demand for power in India translates into a high demand for coal, which often outstrips the legal supply, prompting illegal supply. Many areas that are rich in coal are also situated close to homes for populations struggling with poverty and unemployment, which contributes to illegal mining in these areas.

In remote areas, mining regulations can be weak due to inadequate monitoring and lack of resources, leading to weaker enforcement. This can result in the rise of "coal mafias," as has been alleged in multiple cases of illegal coal mining in India. For example, in 2018, activist Marshall Biam of the North East Indigenous People's Federation registered a complaint accusing a "police-backed" coal gang of threatening him. Mining tragedies are not uncommon in coal-rich Meghalaya.

Illegal coal mining also allegedly receives tacit support from political leaders in areas where it is prevalent, making it difficult to curb. In 2023, the Assam-based political party Assam Jatiya Parishad (AJP) submitted a petition each to the President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, Chief Justice of India, the National Green Tribunal (NGT), the National Human Rights Commission and the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, alleging that some BJP leaders are behind illegal coal mining in the State. AJP president Lurinjyoti Gogoi and general secretary Jagadish Bhuyan said that illegal rat-hole coal mining has continued in Assam, as well as in Meghalaya and other north-eastern States, with the alleged patronage of BJP leaders and in collusion with officials despite a blanket ban on such mining by the NGT in 2014.

Illegal mining is often carried out using rudimentary techniques like surface mining and rat-hole mining, rather than the scientific methods required for legal operations on a larger scale. In areas where coal seams are closer to the surface, illegal miners access them with limited safety equipment. Minimal operational costs can also turn into significant profits, making illegal mining lucrative.

Why do so many workers die in illegal coal mines?

The lack of safety equipment and protocols is the primary reason for deaths during illegal coal mining. Miners face increased respiratory risks due to inhaling coal dust, and the lack of safety equipment significantly increases this risk. The miners in the Surendranagar incident also died of carbon monoxide poisoning. According to District Collector K.C. Sampat, 2,100 wells had been filled in recent times, but some of them might have been illegally reopened, where the incident happened.

Illegal mines lack proper structural support to carry out the extraction of coal, making working conditions hazardous and vulnerable to cave-ins, landslides, and explosions. Workers may also be exposed to high levels of toxic substances like lead and mercury, which can cause acute poisoning or long-term chronic medical conditions.

Several people who work in illegal coal mines are untrained for the job and for the risks it poses. There is a lack of proper training, quick response facilities, and knowledge in case of emergencies.

Operator negligence and worker exploitation are also rampant in illegal coal mining.

Why do governments struggle to cut down illegal coal mining in India?

Questions regarding illegal coal mining have been raised in the Parliament, but since it is a law and order issue, the Union government often shifts the blame to State authorities. A mix of economic, social, political, and regulatory factors makes it difficult for governments to shut down illegal coal mining in India.

Illegal coal mining, by any means, is not a novelty. It has existed since before coal was nationalised and continues to exist in pockets in coal-rich areas or near abandoned mines. The high demand for coal as a fuel makes illegal mining rampant and challenging to control. Local economies in many areas depend on mining, and once official operations run their course, illegal mining takes its place to support the local community.

The legal framework governing mining is complex, which can possibly lead to bureaucratic hurdles and inefficiency in governance, allowing illegal mining to exist.

THE GIST

- Three workers died of asphyxiation in an illegal coal mine in Gujarat's Surendranagar district on July 13 due to a lack of safety equipment.
- Illegal coal mining is widespread in India and has led to numerous worker deaths.
- Illegal mining is a law and order issue falling under State jurisdiction, making State governments responsible for addressing it.
- High demand for coal, poverty, unemployment, weak regulations, and alleged political support contribute to the prevalence of illegal coal mining.

What is behind Rwanda's election outcome?

How did President Paul Kagame secure such overwhelming support?

Ayan Datta

The story so far:

On July 15, Rwanda held its fourth presidential election since the 1994 Tutsi genocide. Partial results released by Rwanda's National Electoral Commission (NEC) reveal overwhelming support for President Paul Kagame. With 79% of the votes counted, Kagame has secured over 99% of the votes. Opposition leaders Habineza Frank of the Democratic Green Party and Independent candidate Mpayimana Phillippe secured less than one per cent of the votes each.

How did Rwanda politically progress?

On 6 April, 1994, Rwanda's Hutu President Juvenal Habyarimana was killed in a plane crash, allegedly by the Tutsi-led armed group, the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF). Between April 7 and July 15, 1994, the state-sponsored Hutu armed group massacred over 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus in revenge attacks.

In 1994, the RPF defeated Rwanda's government, ended the genocide and restored law and order. The RPF took control of Rwanda and established a transitional government of both Hutus and Tutsis, which ruled from 1994 to 1995. Between 1996 and 2002, Rwanda's leadership was preoccupied with fighting Hutu armed groups in the neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and could not prioritise nation building.

In 2003, Rwanda adopted a new Constitution and became a semi-presidential republic. The same year, multi-party elections were held for the first time. Kagame was elected as Rwanda's President. Under his leadership, the RPF rapidly consolidated power, winning landslide majorities since 2003. In 2015, the government amended the constitution through a referendum, enabling Kagame to rule till 2034 and strengthening the RPF's dominance.

What has been the role of Kagame?

A U.S.-trained military officer of Tutsi ethnicity, Kagame joined the RPF in 1990. As the RPF's leader, Kagame led the armed group to end the genocide. Between 1994 and 2000, he was Rwanda's *de facto* leader, first as Vice President and then as Acting President.

According to Rwanda's Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, the economy grew by over eight per cent annually under Kagame's leadership. Between 2000 and 2017, his targeted social welfare schemes lifted over one million people out of poverty, while life expectancy rose from 29 to 67 years. However, Western observers criticised his government as authoritarian for suppressing opposition forces and civil liberties. In 2024, Freedom House accused his government of surveillance, torture, arbitrary detentions, and assassinations of dissents.

What do the election results convey?

Kagame's victory conveys wide-ranging support for his programmes of economic progress and political stability. Given that Rwanda is still a developing country, Kagame's campaign resonated with the electorate's aspirations for economic freedom and reaffirmed his successful record of providing the stability needed for development.

Kagame's victory demonstrates the effectiveness of his party machinery, with opposition candidates struggling to draw crowds. However, Kagame was virtually unchallenged, with opposition candidates receiving one per cent of votes combined, reflecting the RPF's efforts to suppress genuine political competition. The suppression of the candidates also reflected Kagame's authoritarian tendencies. The pro-government decisions of the National Election Commission reflected the absence of robust democratic institutions.

Does the Rwanda election hold any significance for Africa's democratic process?

South Africa, Senegal, Chad, and Rwanda have completed their general elections, others are heading to the polls. While South Africa and Senegal had free and fair elections, polls in Chad and Rwanda saw incumbents controlling opposition forces.

While Rwanda enjoys an impressive developmental record, its authoritarian tendencies and democratic deficits reflect the larger African trends of democratic backsliding and electoral malpractices. Since the RPF was initially an armed group that became the country's ruling party, its political dominance reflects the persistent issue of militarisation of civilian politics that affects African states like Gabon and Guinea. Kagame's victory will mark continued political stability, but its military involvement in the DRC will contribute to regional instability.

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THE GIST

- Rwanda held its fourth presidential election on July 15, with President Paul Kagame winning overwhelmingly with over 99% of the votes.
- The partial results show Kagame's dominance, while opposition leaders received less than one per cent of the votes combined.
- Kagame, a U.S.-trained military officer, led the RPF to end the genocide and has been a central figure in Rwanda's recovery and economic growth, despite criticism for authoritarian practices.

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ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಖಾತೆದಾರರು/ಅನುಭವದಾರರು/ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತದಾರರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬೆಳವಂಗಲ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಹುಲಿಕುಂಟೆ, ದೊಡ್ಡಮಂಕನಾಳ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಡತಿಪ್ಪನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 1072–06.12 ಎಕರೆ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಗಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಿಐ 29 ಎಸ್‌ಪಿಕ್ಯೂ 2024 ದಿನಾಂಕ 25.06.2024 ರಾಜ್ಯಪತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿತ ದಿನಾಂಕ 27.06.2024ರಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪತ್ರದ ವಿಶೇಷ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ಭಾಗ–3 ಪುಟ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 4600 ರಿಂದ 4677 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಚುರ ಪಡಿಸಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ರಾಜ್ಯಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಗೊಂಡ 30 ದಿನಗಳ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳೇನಾದರೂ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ–2 (ಬಿಎಂಐಸಿಪಿ), ನಂ.14/3, ಸಿ.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ. ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಮಹರ್ಷಿ ಅರವಿಂದ ಭವನ, 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ನೃಪತುಂಗ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560001 ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಯನ್ನು ಲಿಖಿತ ಮೂಲಕ ಖುದ್ದು ಅಥವಾ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಪಡೆದವರ ಮುಖೇನ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ವಿವರ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ	ಖಾತೆದಾರರ /ಅನುಭವದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.	ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೊಳಪಟ್ಟ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಐಸು ಎ–ಗು	ಖರಾಬು ಎ–ಗು	ಬಾಕಿ ಎ–ಗು
ಗ್ರಾಮ:– ಹುಲಿಕುಂಟೆ ಹೋಬಳಿ:– ದೊಡ್ಡಬೆಳವಂಗಲ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು:– ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ:– ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ					
1.	ಎಂ.ನರಪತ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಮಿಶ್ರಿಮಲ್, ಎಂ.ಮುಕೇಶ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಮಿಶ್ರಿಮಲ್, ಎಂ.ಮಹೇಂದ್ರ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಮಿಶ್ರಿಮಲ್, ಮಿಶ್ರಿಮಲ್ ಬಿನ್ ವಗ್ತವಮಲ್, ಭಾರತ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ 207ಗೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ, ಉಗಮರಾಜ್ ಭಂಡಾರಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸೋಹನ್ ರಾಜ್ ಭಂಡಾರಿ, ಭವರ್ ಲಾಲ್ ಭಂಢಾರಿ, ಜರಹಾರಲಾಲ್ ಭಂಡಾರಿ ಬಿನ್ ಸೋಹನ್ ರಾಜ್ ಭಂಡಾರಿ	139/1	3–07	–	3–07
2.	ಡಿ.ಬಿ.ಅನಿಲ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಡಿ.ಎಂ.ಬಸವರಾಜು,	139/2	1–25	–	1–25
3.	ಲಿಂಗದೇವರು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಮರಿಗಂಗಯ, ರುದ್ರೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಮರಿಗಂಗಯ್ಯ	139/3	1–26	–	1–26
4.	ಸೂರ್ಯನಾರಾಯಣರಾವ್, ಕುಮಾರಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದ್ದಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಬಿ.ಆರ್. ಅಶ್ವಥನಾರಾಯಣಪ್ಪ, ರಂಗಶಾಮಯ್ಯ, ಬಿ.ಆರ್.ಅಶ್ವಥನಾರಾಯಣಪ್ಪ, ಯೋಗೇಶ್ವರಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಬೀಮಯ್ಯ, ಪರಮೇಶ್ವರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ, ಶಾಂತಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ, ಜೆ.ಸಿ.ನೀಲಾಂಭಿಕ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಜಿ.ಗಂಗಾಧರಯ್ಯ, ಜಿ.ಪುಟ್ಟಗಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಮಲ್ಲಿಕ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರಯ್ಯ, ಬಶಟ್ಟಿಯ್ಯ ವಗೈರೆ, ಗಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ವೀರದಾಸಯ್ಯ, ನಾಗರತ್ನಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ವೆಂಕಟರಮಣಯ್ಯ, ದೊಡ್ಡನರಸಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆಂಚದಾಸಿ, ದಾಸಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಮೂಡ್ಲಗಿರಿ, ನರಸ ಬಿನ್ ಶಂಭ, ರಂಗ ಬಿನ್ ಅಜ್ಜ, ಎಂ.ಯಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಮಾಲೂರಪ್ಪ, ಎಂ.ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಮಾಲೂರಪ್ಪ, ಮಲ್ಲಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಪಾಪಣ್ಣ, ಎಂ. ಯಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಮಾಲೂರಪ್ಪ, ಎಂ.ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಮಾಲೂರಪ್ಪ, ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಬೀರಪ್ಪ, ಮಲ್ಲಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಪಾಪಣ್ಣ, ಎಂ.ಯಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಮಾಲೂರಪ್ಪ, ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಬೀರಪ್ಪ, ನಾಗಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಕಾಡಯ್ಯ, ಮಲ್ಲಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಕಾಡಯ್ಯ, ಹೊಟ್ಟಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಕಾಡಯ್ಯ, ಕೆ.ಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಕಾಡಯ್ಯ, ದೊಡ್ಡಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ಮಾಲೂರಯ್ಯ, ಪಿ.ಮಂಗಳ ಕೋಂ ಸಿ.ಜೆ.ಉಮೇಶ್, ಪಿ.ಮೋಹನಕುಮಾರಿ ಕೋಂ ರವೀಂದ್ರ, ಮಲ್ಲಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಪಾಪಣ್ಣ, ಹನುಮಂತರಾಯಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಪಾಪಣ್ಣ, ಪುಟ್ಟಅಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಪಾಪಣ್ಣ, ಬೈಲಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಪಾಪಣ್ಣ, ಗೋಪಾಲಕೃಷ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಪಾಪಣ್ಣ, ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಪಾಪಣ್ಣ, ಆರ್.ನಂಜಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ, ಸಿದ್ಧಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ, ಚಿಕ್ಕವೀರಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ, ನಾಗರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ, ಬಸವರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ, ಗಿರೀಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ, ಅಕ್ಕಯ್ಯಮ್ಮ, ಚಿಕ್ಕರಾಮಯ್ಯ, ರಾಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಕರಿಯಯ್ಯ, ಯೋಗೀಶ್ವರಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಭೀಮಯ್ಯ, ಶ್ರೀ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಸ್ವಾಮೀಜಿಗಳು ಖಾನಿಮಠಾಧಿಪತಿ, ಹೆಚ್.ಸಿ.ನರಸಿಂಹಪತಿ, ಹೆಚ್.ಸಿ.ರಾಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕಹನುಮಯ್ಯ, ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಸಿದ್ದರಾಮಯ್ಯ, ಕ್ಷೀರಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಪುಟ್ಟಯ್ಯ, ರಂಗಪ್ಪ ಶ್ರೀಧರ್.ಕೆ.ಎ. ಬಿನ್ ಕಾಳೇಗೌಡ, ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ, ಗಂಗಬೈರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಬೈರಣ್ಣ, ಟಿ.ಎಲ್.ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಟಿ. ಎನ್.ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ, ಗಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬೈರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಬೈರಣ್ಣ, ಆರ್.ಗುರುದೇವ್ ಬಿನ್ ರಾಜಣ್ಣ, ಸರ್ಕಾರ, ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲಿಂಗಣ್ಣ, ಪಂಚರತ್ನಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಬಿ.ಇ.ಪ್ರಕಾಶ್, ಸಿದ್ಧಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲಿಂಗಣ್ಣ, ಎಸ್.ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್ ಬಿನ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ, ಗಂಗಬೈರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಬೈರಣ್ಣ, ಆರ್.ಕಣ್ಣನ್ ನಾಯ್ಡು ಬಿನ್ ರಂಗಬಾಷ್ಯಂ ನಾಯ್ಡು, ನಾಗಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಕಾಡಯ್ಯ, ಮಲ್ಲಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಕಾಡಯ್ಯ, ಹೊಟ್ಟಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಕಾಡಯ್ಯ, ಕೆ.ಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಕಾಡಯ್ಯ, ಮುತ್ತಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಮುತ್ತಯ್ಯ, ರಾಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಕರಿಯಣ್ಣ, ಪ್ರಭುಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ವೀರಕ್ಯಾತಯ್ಯ, ಜಿ.ವಿ.ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ವೀರಕ್ಯಾತಯ್ಯ, ಚಿನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಹುಚ್ಚವೀರಯ್ಯ, ದೊಡ್ಡಮುದ್ದಯ್ಯ, ವೆಂಕಟನರಸಯ್ಯ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮುದ್ದಯ್ಯ, ವೆಂಕಟರಮಣಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ, ಜಿ.ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ, ರೇವಮ್ಮ ಮಗಳು ಗಂಗಾಧರಯ್ಯ, ನಾಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕೀರಪ್ಪ, ದೇವರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕೀರಪ್ಪ, ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕೀರಪ್ಪ, ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲಿಂಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂಲೇಟ್ ಕಾಡಯ್ಯ, ಬೈರಮ್ಮ, ಈರಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಆಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ, ಮಹಾದೇವಯ್ಯ.ಬಿ, ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಕಾಳಪ್ಪ, ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ಕರಿಯಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಡಿ.ಕಾಳಪ್ಪ, ಬೈರೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಎಂಜಾರಪ್ಪ ಉರುಫ್ ಹೆಂಚಾರಪ್ಪ, ಸಿದ್ದಗಂಗಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಎಂಜಾರಪ್ಪ ಉರುಫ್ ಹೆಂಚಾರಪ್ಪ, ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಎಂಜಾರಪ್ಪ ಉರುಫ್ ಹೆಂಚಾರಪ್ಪ, ಶಂಕರಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಎಂಜಾರಪ್ಪ ಉರುಫ್ ಹೆಂಚಾರಪ್ಪ ತಿಮ್ಮಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ರಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಪಂಚರತ್ನಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಪ್ರಕಾಶ್.ಬಿ.ಇ, ರೇವಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಬಸವರಾಜಯ್ಯ, ವೀರಭದ್ರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕೀರಯ್ಯ, ಮುದ್ದಹನುಮಯ್ಯ, ಬಸವರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ರಾಜಣ್ಣ, ರಂಗಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಪುಟ್ಟಯ್ಯ, ಚಿಕ್ಕರಸಪ್ಪ, ಕಲ್ಲೇರಪ್ಪ, ರಂಗಹನುಮಯ್ಯ, ಪುಟ್ಟಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಪುಟ್ಟರಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಗೌರಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಜಯಣ್ಣ.ಡಿ.ಎಸ್, ಮರಾರಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಆಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ, ಚನ್ನಮಾರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ನಂಜುಂಡಪ್ಪ, ಬಸವರಾಜಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಬೈರಪ್ಪ, ವರಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಬೈರಪ್ಪ, ಬೈರಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಕರಿಯಣ್ಣ, ಆಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ, ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ.ಜಿ, ಲೆಂಕಪ್ಪ, ಗಂಗಯ್ಯ, ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ವೆಂಕಲೆಂಕಪ್ಪ, ಗಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಗಂಗ ಬಿನ್ ನರಸಬೈರಣ್ಣ, ಬರಗುರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಹುಚ್ಚಹನುಮಯ್ಯ, ವೀರಪ್ಪ, ಎಸ್.ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಹುಚ್ಚವೆಂಕಟರಮಣಯ್ಯ, ವೆಂಕಟರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ, ಚಿಕ್ಕರಸಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ವೆಂಕಟರಮಣಯ್ಯ, ಹೆಚ್.ಎಸ್.ವಿಶ್ವನಾಥ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಶಿವರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ, ನರಸಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಹನುಮನರಸಯ್ಯ, ಹನುಮಂತರಾಯಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಗಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಗಂಗಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಉ॥ ಗೌರಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಹನುಮಂತರಾಯಪ್ಪ, ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀನರಸಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಗಂಗನರಸಯ್ಯ, ನಾರಾಯಣಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಗಂಗನರಸಯ್ಯ, ಮುತ್ತಹನುಮಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಗಂಗಾಜಿನಪ್ಪ, ಮುನಿಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಬಸಪ್ಪ, ನಾಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಮಾಲೂರಯ್ಯ, ನರಸಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಹುಚ್ಚಕದರಯ್ಯ, ಗಂಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ, ಆರ್.ವಿಶ್ವನಾಥ್ ಬಿನ್ ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ, ಮುತ್ತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಗಂಗಬೈರಪ್ಪ, ಬಿ.ಈಶ್ವರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಬಾಳಯ್ಯ, ಚನ್ನಬಸವಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಬಾಳಯ್ಯ, ಚೇತನ.ಎಸ್ ಬಿನ್ ಶಂಕರಪ್ಪ, ರಾಕೇಶ್.ಎಸ್ ಬಿನ್ ಶಂಕರಪ್ಪ, ಅಡವೀಶಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಸಿದ್ದಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಚಿಕ್ಕರಸಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ವೆಂಕಟರಮಣಯ್ಯ, ಗಂಗನರಸಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ದೊಡ್ಡವೆಂಕಟಯ್ಯ, ಯೋಗೀಶ್ವರಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಭೀಮಯ್ಯ, ಎಸ್.ಮಂಜುನಾಥ ಬಿನ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ, ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಗೋಮಾಳ, ಹನುಮಂತರಾಯಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಗಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಗಂಗಾಧರ್ ಬಿನ್ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ, ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ದೊಡ್ಡವೆಂಕಟರಮಣಯ್ಯ, ಸಿದ್ದಗಂಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಹೆಚ್.ಜಿ.ಶಿವಣ್ಣ, ಜಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ, ಮಂಗಳ ಗೌರಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಜಿ.ವಿ.ಶಿವಣ್ಣ, ಬಿ.ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಬಶೆಟ್ಟಪ್ಪ, ಬೈಲಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಸಿದ್ದೇಗೌಡ, ಕೆಂಪಬೈರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಸಿದ್ದೇಗೌಡ, ಮಾರ್ಕಂಡಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಸಿದ್ದೇಗೌಡ, ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಲಿಂಗಣ್ಣ, ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಲಿಂಗಣ್ಣ, ಬೈರಮ್ಮ ಈರಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಅಂಜನಪ್ಪ ಗಂಗಮ್ಮ ಬಿನ್ ಭೀಮಯ್ಯ ಬಷೆಟ್ಟಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ನಂಜುಂಡಪ್ಪ ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ತುಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ, ಬಸವರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ, ಸಿದ್ದಗಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಸವಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ, ಕುಮಾರ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ, ಸಿದ್ದರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ, ಮಹಂತಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ದೊಡ್ಡಕೆಂಪ ಮುನಿಯ ಗಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಲೆಂಕಪ್ಪ, ಜಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಗಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಜಿ. ಸಂಪತ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಗಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಜಿ. ಸುಜಾತ ಬಿನ್ ಗಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಕಲಾವತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಗಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಮಂಜುಳ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಜಿ. ರಾಜಣ್ಣ, ಸಂತೋಷ್ .ಆರ್. ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಜಿ. ರಾಜಣ್ಣ, ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ .ಆರ್. ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಜಿ. ರಾಜಣ್ಣ	150ರ ಪೈಕಿ	233–23	233–23	–
5.	ಶಂಭುಲಿಂಗಯ ಬಿನ್ ಗಂಗಯ, ಶಾಂತಕುಮಾರಿ ಕೋಂ ಮಹದೇವಯ,	151/1	5–04	0–03	5–01
6.	ಮೆ.ಪಲ್ವಿತ್ ಡೆವಲಪರ್ಸ್ ಎಲ್.ಎಲ್.ಪಿ ಇದರ ಡಿಸಿಗ್ನೇಟೆಡ್ ಪಾರ್ಟನರ್ ಆದ ಭೇರುಮಲ್ ಜೈನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಹಸ್ತಿಮಲ್	151/2ಎ	1–13	0–01	1–12
7.	ಜಿ.ಮಹದೇವಯ ಬಿನ್ ಬಸವಯ	151/2ಬಿ	1–14	0–01	1–13
8.	ವಿಜಯ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದಪ, ಸುಜಾತ ಕೋಂ ವಿಜಯಕುಮಾರ್	151/3	2–15	0–06	2–09
9.	ವಿಜಯ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸಿದಪ, ಸುಜಾತ್ ಕೋಂ ವಿಜಯಕುಮಾರ್	151/4	0–13	–	0–13
10.	ಸುಶೀಲಮ ಕೊಂ ಲೇ ಎಂ.ಬಸವಯ್ಯ,	151/5	3–34	0–24	3–10
11.	ಮೆ.ಪಲ್ವಿತ್ ಡೆವಲಪರ್ಸ್ ಎಲ್.ಎಲ್.ಪಿ ಇದರ ಡಿಸಿಗ್ನೇಟೆಡ್ ಪಾರ್ಟನರ್ ಆದ ಭೇರುಮಲ್ ಜೈನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಹಸ್ತಿಮಲ್ ಲಿಂಗರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಮಲ್ಲಿಕಾರ್ಜುನಪ್ಪ	151/6	1–00	–	1–00
12.	ಜಿ.ಮಹದೇವಯ ಬಿನ್ ಬಸವಯ್ಯ	151/7	1–23	0–03	1–20
13.	ಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಡಿ.ವೀರಪ್ಪ, ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಅಗಲೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ,	152/1	1–04	–	1–04
14.	ಡಿ.ವೀರಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ, ಪ್ರಕಾಶ ಬಿನ್ ಡಿ.ವೀರಪ್ಪ,	152/2	3–02	0–04	2–38
15.	ಜಿ.ಮಲ್ಲಿಕಾಜ್ರುನಪ್ಪ, ಹಾಲಮ್ಮ ಟ್ರಸ್ಟಿ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಟ್ರಸ್ಟಿ, ಜಿ.ಎಂ.ಲಿಂಗರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಬಿ.ಮಲ್ಲಿಕಾಜ್ರುನಪ್ಪ	152/3	1–12	0–07	1–05
16.	ಜಿ.ಮಲ್ಲಿಕಾಜ್ರುನಪ್ಪ, ಹಾಲಮ್ಮ ಟ್ರಸ್ಟಿ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಟ್ರಸ್ಟಿ, ಜಿ.ಎಂ.ಲಿಂಗರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಬಿ.ಮಲ್ಲಿಕಾರ್ಜುನಪ್ಪ	152/4	1–38	0–04	1–34
17.	ಶಿವಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಚನ್ನಪ್ಪ,	152/5	1–16	–	1–16
18.	ಡಿ.ಎ.ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ 152/2ಡಿ.ವೀರಪ್ಪ, ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಅಗಲೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ	152/6	4–06	0–06	4–00
19.	ಸುಮಂಗಳ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ಉರುಫ್ ವಿ. ಕುಮಾರ್	159/1	1–10	–	1–10
20.	ಹೆಚ್.ವಿ. ಸೋಮಶೇಖರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ವೀರಭದ್ರಯ್ಯ	159/2	1–11	–	1–11
21.	ರುದ್ರೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ವೀರಭದ್ರಯ್ಯ	159/3	1–10	–	1–10
22.	ಶಿವರುದ್ರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಚನ್ನಬಸವಯ್ಯ	160/2	3–32	–	3–32
23.	ಪಾಲನೇತ್ರಾಲಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ, ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಹೆದ್ದರಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಗಲೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ, ಮಂಜುಳ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್	160/6	0–10	–	0–10
24.	ಪಾಲನೇತ್ರಾಲಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ	160/7	0–03.08	–	0–03.08
25.	ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ಸುಮಿತ್ರಾದೇವಿ ಬಿನ್ ವಿ.ಎಂ. ಅಣ್ಣೇಗೌರಿ, ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಹೆದ್ದರಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಗಲೀಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ	160/8	0–20	–	0–20
26.	ಮೆ. ಪಲ್ವಿತ್ ಡೆವಲಪರ್ಸ್ ಇದರ ಡೆಸಿಗ್ನೇಟೆಡ್ ಪಾರ್ಟನರ್ ಆದ ಬೇರುಮಲ್ ಜೈನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಹಸ್ತಿಮಾಲ್ ಜೀ	160/9	1–20	–	1–20
27.	ತಿಮ್ಮಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ಗಂಗಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ	160/10	0–29	0–07	0–22
28.	ತಿಮ್ಮಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ಗಂಗಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ	160/11	1–02	0–02	1–00
29.	ಜಿ. ಗಂಗಮುತ್ತಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಗೋವಿಂದಪ್ಪ	160/12	0–06.08	–	0–06.08
30.	ಜಿ. ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ	160/13	0–17.08	0–03	0–14.08
31.	ಶ್ರೀ. ಭೇರುಮಾಲ ಜೈನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಹಸ್ತಿಮಾಲ್ ಜೈನ್	160/14	1–07.12	0–04	1–03.12
32.	ಭಾರತ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ ಎನ್.ಹೆಚ್. 207 ಗೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ, ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ .ಸಿ. ಬಿನ್ ಚನ್ನಪ್ಪ, ಶಾರದಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಹೆಚ್. ಸಿ. ಗಂಗಾಧರಯ್ಯ, ಬಸಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಚಿಕ್ಕಹನುಮಯ್

IN THE LIMELIGHT

A still from *Maharaja*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Is there a right way to portray sexual violence on-screen?

The portrayal of violence in films, including extreme depictions such as rape, raises questions about its impact and necessity; while some films use violence to drive their plots, studies show that such depictions can contribute to real-life aggression and desensitisation among viewers

Ramya Kannan

There is no doubt today, with a war and a horrific occupation in place, it is clear that we, as a race, are essentially ensconced in violence. Aggression over pacifism and bloodthirst over compassion seem to be the guiding forces of our times. As the world loses patience and continues to aggress, art that imitates life, or speculates on it, naturally needs to reflect a part of that. Is it okay to show violence on screen then, to show rape that is probably the most brutal of violations, physical and emotional, on-screen? The debate has raged and crude and cruder forms of the depiction of violence have dominated screen time and mind space since man figured out how to shoot films and run them on a spool for public viewing. The question always is how much is too much? And, a little more philosophically, does this portrayal have to make a point?

'Casual approach to violence'

More recently, Vijay Sethupathy's flick *Maharaja* set the cash registers ringing with a rather contrived revenge drama, gimmicky and replete with non-linear time zones. While redeemed much by the protagonist's fine essay of a broken father, the brutal violence in the film prompts a visceral physical flinch many a time.

The blood, gore, and casual approach to violence makes one wonder if an assault is actually a living, bile-belching character in the movie. Not to spoil the story for you, but if you shrivel at the portrayal of physical violence on screen, then be warned that there is also more than one rape in the movie, not even as a revenge play, but just as mentioned before, nearly casual, flick of the wrist; we-can-do-this, therefore-we-will level of numbing.

As a cinematic ploy, it is meant to drive the plot in this film, and as such, stressed upon in entropic flashbacks, suggestive and lascivious facial expressions, post-coital adjustment of clothes, struggles, partial nudity, screams and violence. There is one particularly brutal scene, in another flashback, where the abuser spits on the child victim with such violence, it is definitely a bilious moment in the film. Of course, it further deteriorates into a spiral of more violence, bloodshed and a climatic ending that by then the audience is hoping for, has predicted, or has whispered as a prayer to let the movie end as a relief.

Big influence

It has been adequately established with studies that violent behaviour on screen further spurs violence, particularly among kids. Psychologist Albert Bandura established this way back in the sixties, showing that the more aggressive a film is, the more aggressive children watching it behave.

Other studies have also shown that violence has another way of allowing the practice of it in society, by desensitising the viewer. Desensitisation ensures that response to violence in real life is dulled or dead, allowing it to continue, or worse still, aggrandising it. Violence on-screen has seldom been the agent of change that filmmakers are sometimes deluded into thinking it is.

That very emperor of violence on screen, Quentin Tarantino, packs in a comical element and works in an element of theatrical distance between the screen and the audience in his movies. In a press conference in 1994, he said: "Violence is just one of many things you can do in movies. People ask me, 'Where does all this violence come from in your movies?' I say, 'Where does all this dancing come from in Stanley Donen movies?' If you ask me how I feel about violence in real life, well, I have a lot of feelings about it. It's one of the worst aspects of America. In movies, violence is cool. I like it."

While violence as an aspect of life has an undeniable place on screen, we don't want to watch just romcoms on the big screen or small. It is violence sans stylisation in movies, without the opportunity for redemption, that is problematic. One of the finest scenes of rape on screen is from the Netflix series *Sandman*, in the episode Calliope.

In the season finale episode, an out-of-inspiration author on a deadline is bequeathed a mythical Muse, by another author, and he pleads with her to inspire him. She has been imprisoned for decades against her will, and his pleas turn insistent and into demands. In one scene we realise, as he is furiously typing away on his manuscript, a small bleeding scratch on his face, that he has had his way with her. Unusual for a rape scene, and with none of its usual trappings, but powerful nonetheless and conveys the message forcefully.

In another recent streaming series, *I May Destroy You*, there are multiple ways, subtle and gross, in which sexual violation is portrayed, and the response to it by the system, putting out the message that consent is key in any sexual relationship, and that it may be withdrawn at any time.

Educate, not glorify

Show violence on screen, since we must, to keep our movies real and earthy, but adding mindless violence under the garb of advancing the plot, serves no purpose, even eroding plausibility. You could always adapt a more sensitive, rights approach, and stylise the portrayal in a way that will not glorify violence, but rather serve to enlighten and educate the audience.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The silver jubilee celebrations of the victory at Kargil is being celebrated as Kargil Vijay Divas Rajat Jayanthi. A quiz on Operation Vijay (Kargil)

Colonel Vembu Shankar, SC

QUESTION 1
The Tiger of Drass is a biography of which Mahavir Chakra Awardee of the Kargil War?

QUESTION 2
The sub-sector west of the Siachen glacier was renamed after which Vir Chakra awardee's gallant sacrifice?

QUESTION 3
What was the codename of the Indian Air Force operations during the Kargil War in 1999?

QUESTION 4
The science block of the National Defence Academy is named after which Param Vir Chakra awardee of Kargil?

QUESTION 5
Bikram Saluja portrayed which Vir Chakra awardee's role in the movie *LOC* based on the Kargil war?

QUESTION 6
Which PVC awardee's code name was Shershah?

QUESTION 7
What was the name of the Indian Navy operation launched in conjunction with Op Vijay in 1999?

QUESTION 8
Who was the Chief of Army Staff of India during the Kargil War?

Visual Question:
The monument of which 'Batalik Hero', was established in the Vir Chakra's awardee's hometown of Trichy in 2007 ?
FILE PHOTO

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: Identify the husband-and-wife duo. **Ans: Nikolai Andrianov and Lyubov Burda in Gymnastics**
2. This father and son duo holds the record of winning the most medals. **Ans: Oscar Swahn and Alfred Swahn from Sweden have 15 medals in Shooting.**
3. Which Indian family has an overall haul of 6 Olympic medals? **Ans: Dhyan Chand, his brother Roop Singh and his son Ashok Kumar - all in Men's Hockey competition**
4. Which father and son duo from India won one bronze medal each? **Ans: Father Vece Paes in Hockey and son Leander Paes in Men's Singles Tennis**
5. In Athletics, which family had three of its members win an overall haul of 12 medals. **Ans: Al Joyner, his wife Florence Griffith Joyner and his sister Jackie Joyner-Kersee**
6. Identify the couple who have achieved the feat of Golden Slam in Tennis? **Ans: Andre Agassi and his wife Steffi Graf**
7. Identify this family which had three generations winning 9 Olympic medals? **Ans: Erwin Keller, Carsten Keller, Andreas Keller & Florian Keller, Natascha Keller, Louisa Walter, and Navina Omilade**
8. Thris 3 sisters from Ethiopia had winning Olympic medals. **Ans: The Dibaba Sisters**
Visual: Connect the two Indian Olympic Medalists? **Ans: Cousins Simranjit Singh & Gujrant Singh – both won bronze in Men's Hockey for India in 2021.**
Early Birds: Animesh Mohan | Abhay Krishnan | Arvind Tillway
(Colonel Vembu Shankar is Indian Army Veteran)

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

Meaning of 'cook one's goose' (E. V. Ramana, Kurnool).

The meaning of this idiom is to "spoil or ruin one's own or another's chances of success either in general or in a particular way."

Raman cooked his goose when he informed the interview committee that he had been to jail twice.

Sharmila cooked her goose when she started smoking in front of her prospective mother-in-law.

Like many expressions, this too has a story behind it. When King Eric of Sweden went to capture a certain town, the townspeople hung a goose from one of the towers. They did this because the king had very few soldiers with him, and the people thought there was no way the King could capture the town. King Eric and his men were extremely angry when they saw the goose hanging from the tower because the goose was and is considered a symbol of stupidity. They quickly grouped together and got ready to attack the town. When the people of the town realised they were going to be attacked, they sent a few men to ask King Eric what he wanted. The King replied: "To cook your goose." And that is what Eric and his men did. They burnt the entire town and in the process, the goose which was hanging from the tower got cooked.

Difference between 'congenial' and 'conducive' (G. Sambasivam, Madras).

Congenial is often used as "persons or things that are in such harmony with the taste of the person that they afford him pleasure or delight." You find a person congenial because both of you share the same interests or have a similar temperament. Likewise, you find a job "congenial" because it suits your nature, your taste.

Brij Mohan is not a congenial person to work with.

I find Hyderabad a congenial place to live in.

"Conducive" means "allowing or helping something to happen." While "congenial" can be used with both people and things, "conducive" is generally used with things. "Conduce" is used as a verb occasionally and that too in formal contexts. It means "to help to cause or produce something."

Regular walking conduces to physical fitness.

Quiet surroundings are conducive to meditation.

Smoking and drinking are not conducive to good health.

Goodish (S. Snehalata, Bombay).

"Goodish" means "fairly good."

It is a goodish novel.

It also means "rather large or great."

It is a goodish distance from here to my house.

Chagrin (S. Bhatnagar, New Delhi).

"Chagrin" means " an acute feeling of annoyance and embarrassment or disappointment."

Much to his chagrin, he failed in the interview.

Chagrin is also used as a noun. It is generally used in the passive.

He was chagrined by his failure in the examination.

The "ch" in "chagrin" is pronounced like the "sh" in "ship"; the "a" is pronounced like the "a" in "man"; the "i" is pronounced like the "i" in "sit." The stress on the first syllable.

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Word of the day

Convoluted:
Highly complex or intricate and occasionally devious

Synonyms: complicated, tortuous, confusing

Usage: *The plot of the movie was so convoluted.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/convolutedpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /kɒnvəˈluːtɪd/

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160.	ಎಸ್ಸಿ ಹುಡುಗಿಯರ ವಸತಿ ಶಾಲೆಯ ಪ್ರಾಂಶುಪಾಲರು	288	1–39	–	1–39
161.	ಎಸ್ಸಿ ಹುಡುಗಿಯರ ಹಾಸ್ಟೆಲ್‌ನ ವಾರ್ಡನ್	289	2–10	–	2–10
162.	ಎಸ್ಸಿ ಹುಡುಗಿಯರ ಹಾಸ್ಟೆಲ್‌ನ ವಾರ್ಡನ್	290	2–10	–	2–10
163.	ಜಮೀನಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಸಾಲ ಪಡೆದವರು ಸಾಲ ಮರುಪಾವತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ನಂತರ ಮೂಲ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಿಂತಿರುಗಿಸಲು ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದರೆ	291	2–12	–	2–12
164.	ಅಡಕೆ ಮೊಳಕೆ ಕೇಳಿದ ಬೆಳೆಗಾರರು	292	2–15	–	2–15
165.	ಪ್ರಜ್ಞಾವಂತರು, ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಭಕ್ತರು	293	2–09	–	2–09
166.	ಎಸ್ಸಿ ಕಿಟಕಿಗಳ ಹಾಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲ. ಕೆ.ಪಿ.	295	2–00	–	2–00
167.	ಆಂಜನೇಯ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನಗಳು	296	2–00	–	2–00
168.	ಎಸ್ಸಿ ಕಿಟಕಿಗಳ ಹಾಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲ. ಕೆ.ಪಿ.	297	2–00	–	2–00
169.	ಎಸ್ಸಿ ಕಿಟಕಿಗಳ ಹಾಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲ. ಕೆ.ಪಿ.	298	2–00	–	2–00
170.	ಪಿ.ಎಂ. ರಸ್ತೆ ಮಿನಿ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ	301	1–00	–	1–00
171.	ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಶ್ರೀರಾಮಪುರ ಮಿನಿ ಪಿ. ಆರ್. ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಾಯಿಪ್ಪ, ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ರಂಗಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಮಿನಿ ಪಿ.ಆರ್. ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಾಯಿಪ್ಪ	301/2	1–00	–	1–00
172.	ಎಸ್ಸಿ. ರಾಜೇಶ್ವರಿಪ್ಪ ಮಿನಿ ಲೇಔಟ್ ಸಿದ್ಧಗಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಎಸ್ಸಿ. ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ ಮಿನಿ ಲೇಔಟ್ ಸಿದ್ಧಗಂಗಪ್ಪ	302	2–00	–	2–00
173.	ಪ್ರಾಮಾಣಿಕ್ಯ ಮಿನಿ ಬಜಾರ್	307	2–00	–	2–00
174.	ಐಯಪ್ಪ .ಜಿ. ಕೆಲಸ ನಿಶ್ಚಿತ .ಪಿ.	308	2–00	–	2–00
175.	ನಿವೃತ್ತಾದ್ಯಾಪಕಿಯರ ಎಸ್. ಮಿನಿ ದೇವಿ ಲೇಔಟ್, ನಿವೃತ್ತಾದ್ಯಾಪಕಿಯರ ಲೇಔಟ್ ಮಿನಿ ದೇವಿ ಲೇಔಟ್ ಬಡಾವಣೆ	309	2–00	–	2–00
176.	ಪ್ಲಾ. ಮಹಾಬಲೇಶ್ವರ ಕೆಲಸ ಪ್ಲಾ. ಪಿ.ಆರ್. ನಿವೃತ್ತಿಪ್ಪ.	310	2–00	–	2–00
177.	ಪ್ಲಾ. ಮಹಾಬಲೇಶ್ವರ ಕೆಲಸ ಪ್ಲಾ. ಪಿ.ಆರ್. ನಿವೃತ್ತಿಪ್ಪ.	311	2–00	–	2–00
178.	ಗಂಗಮ್ಮನಪಾಳ್ಯ ಮಿನಿ ರೈತ ದೊಡ್ಡಬೆಳವಂಗಲ, ರಂಗಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಮಿನಿ ರೈತ ದೊಡ್ಡಬೆಳವಂಗಲ, ಬಂಕೇಶ್ವರ ಮಿನಿ ರೈತ ದೊಡ್ಡಬೆಳವಂಗಲ.	312	2–00	–	2–00
179.	ನಿವೃತ್ತಿಪ್ಪ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಜಿಸೈನಿಕರವರು	313	2–00	–	2–00

91.	2ನೇ ಹಾಜ್ಮಾ, ತನೆ ಬೀರಪ್ಪ, ಎಂ. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಮಹಾಬಲಪ್ಪ, ಎಂ. ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಮಹಾಬಲಪ್ಪ	183/3ಎ ರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ	1–05	–	1–05
92.	2ನೇ ಹಾಜ್ಮಾ, ತನೆ ಬೀರಪ್ಪ, ಎಂ. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಮಹಾಬಲಪ್ಪ, ಎಂ. ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಮಹಾಬಲಪ್ಪ	183/4ಎ ರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ	1–05	–	1–05
93.	ಎಚ್. ಪ್ರಭುಪ್ರಸಾದ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ, ಎ. ಎಸ್. ಕರುಣಸಿದ್ಧಪ್ಪ	236	2–00	–	2–00
94.	ಎಚ್. ಪ್ರಭುಪ್ರಸಾದ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ, ಎ. ಎಸ್. ಕರುಣಸಿದ್ಧಪ್ಪ	237	2–00	–	2–00
95.	ಎ.ಮಹಾದೇವಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ಕೆಂಪಯ್ಯಪ್ಪ, ಕೆಂಪಯ್ಯಪ್ಪ ದಾಮೋದರಪ್ಪ	238	2–00	–	2–00
96.	ಶ್ರೀ. ಎ. ಸಣ್ಣ ನಾಗಪ್ಪನ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಭಾವತಿ	239	2–00	–	2–00
97.	ಪ್ರೇಕ್ಷ. ಎಸ್. ಕೆಲಸ ಪಟ್ಟಾದ	240/1	1–00	–	1–00
98.	ಪ್ರೇಕ್ಷ. ಎಸ್. ಕೆಲಸ ಪಟ್ಟಾದ	240/2	1–00	–	1–00
99.	ಅಪರಾಧ ಕುಮಾರಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಎಸ್. ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ, ಉದಯಕುಮಾರಿ ಹೆಚ್.ಎಸ್. ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ	241	2–00	–	2–00
100.	ಶ್ರೀ. ಎ. ಸಣ್ಣ ನಾಗಪ್ಪನ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಭಾವತಿ	242	2–00	–	2–00
101.	ಬಚ್ಚಿಹಾಕಿದ ಕೆಲಸ ಚಿಕ್ಕಹೊಸೂರು ಮಜ್ಜಿ ತಿಂಡ್ಲು, ದಾಖಲಾತಿಪ್ಪ ಕೆಂಪಯ್ಯ ತಿಂಡ್ಲು	243	2–00	–	2–00
102.	ನಿವೃತ್ತಿಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ರಾಜಪ್ಪ	244	2–00	–	2–00
103.	ಬಚ್ಚಿಡಿಕ್ಕಿದ್ದು ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿಪ್ಪ, ಬಚ್ಚಿಡಿಯಂಜಿದ್ದು ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿಪ್ಪ	245	2–00	–	2–00
104.	ಸೌಕ್ಯಾಗ್ಯ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ	251	5–00	–	5–00
105.	ತೆಂಗಾಪ್ಪ ಹಿಜ್ಜ. ಎಂ. ಮಗ ಧರಣಿ	252/1	1–19	–	1–19
106.	ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಎಂಗಪ್ಪ	252/2	0–02	–	0–02
107.	ಹಿಜ್ಜ. ಎಂ. ಸೌಕ್ಯಾಶಿಲ್ಪಿಯಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ಧರಣಿ	252/3	1–19	–	1–19
108.	ಹಿಜ್ಜ. ಎಂ. ಕೆಲ್ಲಿ ಮಹೇಶ್ ಮಗ ಧರಣಿ	252/4	1–19	–	1–19
109.	ಹಿಜ್ಜಾಯಿಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ಧರಣಿ	252/5	1–19	–	1–19
110.	ಆರ್. ಧರಣಿಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ಎಸ್. ಬಚ್ಚಿಪ್ಪ	253/1	1–18	0–03	1–15
111.	ಹಿಜ್ಜ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಎಂಪಯ್ಯ	253/2	1–15	0–03	1–12
112.	ಎಸ್. ದೇವರಾಜ ಕೆಲಸ ಎಸ್. ರಾಜು	253/3	1–06	0–02	1–04
113.	ಡಿ.ಎಸ್.ಸೌಭಾಗ್ಯವತಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಎಸ್. ಬಸಪ್ಪಪ್ಪ	253/4	1–02	0–02	1–00
114.	ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ಚಂದ್ರಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ರಾಣಿ	253/5	0–01	–	0–01
115.	ಬಚ್ಚಿಪ್ಪಾಯಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಹಿಜ್ಜಾಯಪ್ಪ	254/1	1–37	–	1–37
116.	ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ಚಂದ್ರಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ರಾಣಿ	254/2	1–29	–	1–29
117.	ಹಿಜ್ಜ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಎಂಪಯ್ಯ	254/3	0–33.8	–	0–33.8
118.	ಎಸ್. ರೇಣುಕಾ ಕೆಲಸ ಎಸ್. ರಾಜು	254/4	0–36	–	0–36
119.	ಆರ್ಥಿಕಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯಾಯ್ತು ಮಗ ರಾಜಪ್ಪ, ಎಸ್.ಚಂದ್ರಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ, ಎಸ್. ರಾಜೇಶ್ವರಿಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ	255	5–31	–	5–31
120.	ಆರ್ಥಿಕಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯಾಯ್ತು ಮಗ ರಾಜಪ್ಪ,	256/1	3–17	0–12	3–05
121.	ಎಸ್.ಚಂದ್ರಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ, ಎಸ್. ರಾಜೇಶ್ವರಿಪ್ಪ	256/2	3–35	–	3–35
122.	ಕೆಂಪಯ್ಯಪ್ಪ, ಮುಖಪಾಪ್ಪ, ಪ್ಲಿ.ರಾ.	257	5–39	0–15	5–24
123.	ಚಿಕ್ಕಾಪುರ ಮಗ ಕಂಠಾಪ್ಪ, ರಂಜಿಂದಿಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಭೀಮಪ್ಪ	258	5–02	–	5–02
124.	ಪಿ.ಆರ್. ಆಶ್ರಯಾಪಾಯಪ್ಪ	259	5–24	0–10	5–14
125.	ಪಿ.ಆರ್. ಆಶ್ರಯಾಪಾಯಪ್ಪ	260	5–21	0–02	5–19
126.	ಪಿ.ಆರ್. ಆಶ್ರಯಾಪಾಯಪ್ಪ	261	5–14	0–10	5–04
127.	ಮುದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಕೆಲಸ ರಾಜಪ್ಪ ರಾಜಾಯಪ್ಪ	262/1	1–00	–	1–00
128.	ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಎಂಪಯ್ಯ	262/2	1–00	–	1–00
129.	ಅಪ್ಪ ಕೆಲಸ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಧರಣಿಪ್ಪ .ಎಸ್.	262/3	0–28	–	0–28
130.	ಎ. ರಮೇಶ್ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ	262/4	2–21	–	2–21
131.	ಆರ್ಥಿಕಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯಾಯ್ತು	263/1	0–15	–	0–15
132.	ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್. ಮುದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಕೆಲಸ ಎಸ್. ಶಿ.ಪಿ.ರಾಜಪ್ಪ	263/2	2–00	–	2–00
133.	ಮುದ್ದಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ ಎಂಪಯ್ಯ	263/3	2–00	–	2–00
134.	ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ ಎಂಪಯ್ಯ	263/4	1–00	–	1–00
135.	ಎಸ್. ಎಲ್. ರಂಗಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ ಎಂಪಯ್ಯ .ಟಿ.ಎಸ್.	264/1	0–31	–	0–31
136.	ಟಿ.ಎಸ್. ಮಂಜುಳಾ ಎಲ್.ಪಿ.ಜಿ ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ .ಟಿ.ಎಸ್.	264/2	2–12	0–12	2–00
137.	ಟಿ.ಎಸ್. ಮಂಜುಳಾ ಎಲ್.ಪಿ.ಜಿ ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ .ಟಿ.ಎಸ್.	264/3	1–03	0–03	1–00
138.	ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ ಎಂಪಯ್ಯ	264/4	0–31	–	0–31
139.	ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ ಎಂಪಯ್ಯ	264/5	0–31	–	0–31
140.	ಪ್ರಾಮಾಣಿಕ್ಯಾಯ ಮಿನಿ ಕೆಲಸ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ	265/1	1–27.08	0–03.08	1–24
141.	ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪಾಯ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ ಮಿನಿಪ್ಪ	265/2	1–25.08	0–01.08	1–24
142.	ಪ್ರಭುಪ್ಪಿಂಗಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ ಮಿನಿಪ್ಪ	265/3	2–10	–	2–10
143.	ಪ್ರಾಮಾಣಿಕ್ಯ ಲೇಔಟ್ 2ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ	267/1	3–09	0–02	3–07
144.	ಚಿಕ್ಕಪ್ಪಾಯಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ ರಾಯಪ್ಪಾಯಪ್ಪ	268	5–04	0–05	4–39
145.	ಹಿಜ್ಜ. ಎ. ಅಂಗಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ಅಂಗಪ್ಪ ಮಿನಿಪ್ಪ	269	5–07	–	5–07
146.	ಹಿಜ್ಜ.ಸಿ. ಮುಳು ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ ಹಿಜ್ಜ.ಎಸ್. ಹಾಲಪ್ಪಿಂಗಪ್ಪ	284/1	1–01	0–01	1–00
147.	ಡಿ.ಪಿ. ಗಂಗಾಧರಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ಒಂಟಿಕೊಪ್ಪಲು ದಕ್ಷಿಣಾಮೂರ್ತಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಬಸವರಾಜಪ್ಪ, ಹಿಜ್ಜ. ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ಅಪ್ಪಾಯಪ್ಪ	284/2	0–19.08	0–00.08	0–19
148.	ರಂಗಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ ಮಜ್ಜಿಗೆಪುರ	284/3	0–15	0–00.08	0–15
149.	ಸುರೇಶ್ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ ಮಜ್ಜಿಗೆಪುರ	284/4	0–15.08	0–00.08	0–15
150.	ಪ್ರಭುಪ್ಪಿಂಗಪ್ಪ ಕೆಲಸ ಬಸವರಾಜ	284/5	0–15.08	0–00.08	0–15
151.	ರಂಗಾಭಟ್ಟ ಮಗ ರಂಜಿಂದಪ್ಪ ರಂಜಿಂಗಪ್ಪ	284/6	1–26	0–02	1–24
152.	ಸುರೇಶ ಎಂ. ಹಿಜ್ಜ. ಕೆಲಸ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಪ್ಪ	284/7	1–01	0–01	1–00
153.	ಅಭಿಪ್ಪಿಂಗ ಮಗ ರಾಜಪ್ಪ	285/1	1–19	0–02.08	1–16.08
154.	ಕೆಂಪಯ್ಯ ಮಗ ರಾಜಪ್ಪ	285/2	1–19	0–02.08	1–16.08
155.	ಅಗ್ರಹಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಗ ಜಿ. ರಾಜಪ್ಪ	285/3	2–14	0–04	2–10
156.	ಎಂ.ಅಗ್ರ. ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ	286/1	2–00	–	2–00
157.	ನವೀನ್ಕುಮಾರ್ ಕೆಲಸ ಬೈರಪ್ಪ, ಮಂಜೇಶ್ವರ ಜಿ. ಮಗ ದೇವಿ ಪ್ರಿಯಾ, ಮಂಜೇಶ್ವರಿಪ್ಪ ಜಿ. ಮಗ ದೇವಿ ಪ್ರಿಯಾ	286/2	3–02	–	3–02
158.	ಪಾಂಡವಪ್ಪ ಕೆಲಸ ಪ್ರಭಾಕರ ಕುಮಾರ್	287/1	3–00	0–03	2–37
159.	ಕೆಂಪಮ್ಮ ಕೆಲಸ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಕಿಲ್ಲೆದಾಪ್ಪ, ರಾಜಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ಪಿ. ಕೆಂಪಯ್ಯ ದಾಮೋದರಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಕಿಲ್ಲೆದಾಪ್ಪ, ಪಿ. ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಕಿಲ್ಲೆದಾಪ್ಪ	287/2	2–02	0–02	2–00
160.	ಎಸ್. ತೇಜಸ್ವಿನಿ ಹಾಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲ. ಕೆ.ಪಿ.	288	1–39	–	1–39
161.	ಎಸ್. ಅಭಿಷೇಕ್ ಹಾಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲ. ಕೆ.ಪಿ.	289	2–10	–	2–10
162.	ಎಸ್. ತೇಜಸ್ವಿನಿ ಹಾಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲ. ಕೆ.ಪಿ.	290	2–10	–	2–10
163.	ಜಮೀನಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಸಾಲ ಪಡೆದವರು ಭೂಮಿಯ ದಾಖಲೆ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ನಿಂದ ಹಿಂಪಡೆಯಲು ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದರೆ	291	2–12	–	2–12
164.	ಅಡಕೆ ಮೊಳಕೆ ಕೇಳಿದ ಬೆಳೆಗಾರರು	292	2–15	–	2–15
165.	ಪ್ರಜ್ಞಾವಂತರು, ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಭಕ್ತರು	293	2–09	–	2–09
166.	ಎಸ್. ತೇಜಸ್ವಿನಿ ಹಾಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲ. ಕೆ.ಪಿ.	295	2–00	–	2–00
167.	ಆಂಜನೇಯ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನಗಳು	296	2–00	–	2–00
168.	ಎಸ್. ತೇಜಸ್ವಿನಿ ಹಾಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲ. ಕೆ.ಪಿ.	297	2–00	–	2–00
169.	ಎಸ್. ತೇಜಸ್ವಿನಿ ಹಾಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲ. ಕೆ.ಪಿ.	298	2–00	–	2–00
170.	ಪಿ.ಎಂ. ರಸ್ತೆ ಮಿನಿ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ	301	1–00	–	1–00
171.	ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಶ್ರೀರಾಮಪುರ ಮಿನಿ ಪಿ. ಆರ್. ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಾಯಿಪ್ಪ, ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ರಂಗಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಮಿನಿ ಪಿ.ಆರ್. ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಾಯಿಪ್ಪ	301/2	1–00	–	1–00
172.	ಎಸ್. ರಾಜೇಶ್ವರಿಪ್ಪ ಮಿನಿ ಲೇಔಟ್ ಸಿದ್ಧಗಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ ಮಿನಿ ಲೇಔಟ್ ಸಿದ್ಧಗಂಗಪ್ಪ	302	2–00	–	2–00
173.	ಪ್ರಾಮಾಣಿಕ್ಯ ಮಿನಿ ಬಜಾರ್	307	2–00	–	2–00
174.	ಐಯಪ್ಪ .ಜಿ. ಕೆಲಸ ನಿಶ್ಚಿತ .ಪಿ.	308	2–00	–	2–00
175.	ನಿವೃತ್ತಾದ್ಯಾಪಕಿಯರ ಎಸ್. ಮಿನಿ ದೇವಿ ಲೇಔಟ್, ನಿವೃತ್ತಾದ್ಯಾಪಕಿಯರ ಲೇಔಟ್ ಮಿನಿ ದೇವಿ ಲೇಔಟ್ ಬಡಾವಣೆ	309	2–00	–	2–00
176.	ಪ್ಲಾ. ಮಹಾಬಲೇಶ್ವರ ಕೆಲಸ ಪ್ಲಾ. ಪಿ.ಆರ್. ನಿವೃತ್ತಿಪ್ಪ.	310	2–00	–	2–00
177.	ಪ್ಲಾ. ಮಹಾಬಲೇಶ್ವರ ಕೆಲಸ ಪ್ಲಾ. ಪಿ.ಆರ್. ನಿವೃತ್ತಿಪ್ಪ.	311	2–00	–	2–00
178.	ಗಂಗಮ್ಮನಪಾಳ್ಯ ಮಿನಿ ರೈತ ದೊಡ್ಡಬೆಳವಂಗಲ, ರಂಗಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಮಿನಿ ರೈತ ದೊಡ್ಡಬೆಳವಂಗಲ, ಬಂಕೇಶ್ವರ ಮಿನಿ ರೈತ ದೊಡ್ಡಬೆಳವಂಗಲ.	312	2–00	–	2–00
179.	ನಿವೃತ್ತಿಪ್ಪ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಜಿಸೈನಿಕರವರು	313	2–00	–	2–00

180.	ಬ್ಯಾಲಹಳ್ಳಿ ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್. ಮಗ ರೈತ ಟಿ. ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಶಾಲೆ, ಬ್ಯಾಲಹಳ್ಳಿ ಹಳ್ಳಿ ಮಗ ಟಿ.ಎಸ್. ಬ್ಯಾಲಹಳ್ಳಿ	314	2–00	–	2–00
181.	ಮುತ್ತಕ್ಕಪ್ಪಾಯ ಮಗ ರೈತ ನಿರುದ್ಯೋಗಿ	315	2–00	–	2–00
182.	ಲಂಕಾಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ರೈತ ದೊಡ್ಡಮುದ್ದಪ್ಪಾಯಪ್ಪ	316	2–00	–	2–00
183.	ಹಿಜ್ಜ.ಪಿಯುಸಾಯಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ರೈತ ಪ್ರಸನ್ನಾಯಪ್ಪ, ಸಿ.ಹಿಜ್ಜ. ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲ ಮಗ ರೈತ ಪ್ರಸನ್ನಾಯಪ್ಪ	317	2–00	–	2–00
184.	ಪ್ರ.ಜ್ಞಾನಶ್ರೇಯಸ್ ಮಗ ರೈತ ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ	318	2–00	–	2–00
185.	ಪ್ರಾಪ್ತಿಯಾಯಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ಗಂಗಪ್ಪಾಯಪ್ಪ	319	2–00	–	2–00
		ಒಟ್ಟು	600-06.12	246-03	354-03.12

ಗಮನಿಸಿ: ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂಕಿಯ ಬದಲಿಗೆ ಅಕ್ಷರ ಇದ್ದರೆ ಅದರ ಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ಅಕ್ಷರವಿರುವ ಗುಂಡಿಯನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಿ.

1.	ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀನರಸಿಪುರ ಕೆಲಸ ರೈನಾ ರಾಜಸ್ಥಾನ	16/1	0–18	–	0–18
2.	ಪ್ರಾಮಾಣಿಕ್ಯಾಯ ಮಗ ಮಾನಸಿಕಾಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ	16/2	0–20	–	0–20
3.	ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀನರಸಿಪುರ ಕೆಲಸ ರೈನಾ ರಾಜಸ್ಥಾನ	16/3	2–08	–	2–08
4.	ನಾಗಪ್ಪಾಯ ಮಗ ರೈನಾ ತೆಪ್ಪಾಯ	16/4	0–23	–	0–23
5.	ಟಿ.ಎಂ. ಮಗ ಮೀನಾಕ್ಷಿಪ್ಪ	16/5	0–28	–	0–28
6.	ಭಾಷಾಶಾಲೆ .ಆರ್. ಕೆಲಸ ಟಿ.ಎಂ.	16/6	1–21	–	1–21
7.	ಟಿ.ಎಂ. ಮಗ ಮೀನಾಕ್ಷಿಪ್ಪ	16/7	1–03.08	0–05.08	0–38
8.	ಪ್ರಾಮಾಣಿಕ್ಯಾಯ ಮಗ ಮಾನಸಿಕಾಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ	16/8	0–28	–	028
9.	ಟಿ.ಎಂ. ಮಗ ಮೀನಾಕ್ಷಿಪ್ಪ	16/9	1–02.08	0–04.08	0–38
10.	ರಾಜಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ಚಿಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ, ವೀರಭದ್ರಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ಚಿಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ, ಟಿ. ರಾಧಾಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ಚಿಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ	17/1	2–29.08	0–02.08	2–27
11.	ನೀಲಂಬರಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ಚಿಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ, ಟಿ. ರಾಧಾಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ಚಿಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ	17/2	2–30.08	0–03.08	2–27
12.	ಸರ್ವೇಕ್ಷಣೆ, ಮೀ.ಎಸ್. ಸುಮಿತ್ರಾ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಮೀನಾಕ್ಷಿಪ್ಪ, ಶಾಲಿನಿ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಚಿಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಚಿಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಚಿಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ	18	33–18	–	33–18
13.	ಎಂ.ಪಿ.ಸುಜಾತ ಕೆಲಸ ಎಂ.ಎಸ್. ರೇಣುಕಾ ಪ್ರೀತಮ್, ರಾಧಾಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ	19	2–13	0–06	2–07
14.	ಸರ್ವೇಕ್ಷಣೆ ಗಿರಿಜಾ ಕೆಲಸ ಪ್ರೀತಿ	20	1–26	–	1–26
15.	ಸರ್ವೇಕ್ಷಣೆ ಗಿರಿಜಾ ಕೆಲಸ ಪ್ರೀತಿ	21/1	1–28	–	1–28
16.	ಮುಮ್ತಾಜ್.ಪಿ.ಎ. ಮಗ ಫಕ್ಕೀರಪ್ಪ .ಪಿ.	21/2	1–10	–	1–10
17.	ನಿವೃತ್ತಾದ್ಯಾಪಕಿಯರ ಲೇಔಟ್ ಮಿನಿ ರೈತ ದೊಡ್ಡಬೆಳವಂಗಲ	21/3	0–08	–	0–08
18.	ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಮಗ ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ ದಾಸಪ್ಪನಹಳ್ಳಿ	21/4	1–12	–	1–12
19.	ಸರ್ವೇಕ್ಷಣೆ ಗಿರಿಜಾ ಕೆಲಸ ಪ್ರೀತಿ	21/5	0–18	–	0–18
20.	ಸರ್ವೇಕ್ಷಣೆ ಗಿರಿಜಾ ಕೆಲಸ ಪ್ರೀತಿ	21/6	5–21	–	5–21
21.	ರಂಗಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ರಾಜಪ್ಪ ಕೆಲಸ ರಾಜಪ್ಪ	21/7	0–26	–	0–26
22.	ರಜ್ಜಪ್ಪ ಕೆಲಸ ರಂಗಸ್ವಾಮಿಪ್ಪ	21/8	0–14	–	0–14
23.	ಅಂಗಪ್ಪ ಕೆಲಸ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಮುತ್ತಪ್ಪ	21/9	0–15	–	0–15
24.	ಪ್ರಾಮಾಣಿಕ್ಯಾಯ ಮಗ ದೇವಿಕಾ ಮುತ್ತಿಪ್ಪಾಯ ಪ್ರಾಂತೀಕೃಷಿ	21/10	1–21	–	1–21
25.	ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ ಕೆಲಸ ಸಂಪಿಪ್ಪ, ಪ್ರಾಮಾಣಿಕ್ಯಾಯ ಮಗ ಚಂಪಿಪ್ಪ	21/11	0–21	–	0–21
26.	ಪ್ರಜ್ಞೇಶ್ ಅಗಸ ಮಗ ರಾಮಪ್ಪ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ ರಾಧಾಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ಅಗಸ ಅಗಸ ಮಗ ರಾಮಪ್ಪ, ಅಭಿಷೇಕ್ ಮಗ ರಾಮಪ್ಪ ಮಗ ಅಗಸ ಅಗಸ ಮಗ ರಾಮಪ್ಪ, ಸುರೇಶ್ ಕೆಲಸ ಪ್ರಭಾಕರ್ ಮಗ ಅಗಸ ಅಗಸ ಮಗ ರಾಮಪ್ಪ	21/12	3–30	–	3–30
27.	ಎಂ. ಮಂಜುಳ ಕೆಲಸ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ರಾಜಾಶಾ ಪ್ರಸಾದ್.	22/1	10–11	0–25	9–26
28.	ನಿಜಾಮಾಬಾ ಮಗ ಎ

CHAMUNDESHWARI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Corporate Office, Project Section, CESC,
Mysuru-570017. **Phone No.: 0821-2544963**
Email: gmproj@cescmysore.org **Website:** cescmysore.karnataka.gov.in

No: CESC/GM(Proj)/DGM(TL)/AGM(TL-3)/ 2024-25/8383 **Date :** 25.07.2024

Short Term Tender Notification (E-procurement Portal Only)

CESC, Mysore invites Short Term Tenders from eligible bidders for the following;

Sl. No.	Works details	Enquiry no./ Date
1	Revamping of Network Infrastructure at Corporate Office, CESC, Mysore	CESC/Proj-TL/ 2024-25/034
2	Converstion of HT Overhead line to HT Under Ground Cable and LT Overhead Line to LT Under Ground Cable around Hassanamba Temple in Hassan City.	CESC/Proj-4 / 2024-25/035

The works & tender details can be obtained through kpp portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** on or after **26-07-2024**. For clarification regarding kpp portal please contact help desk **+91-8046010000/ 8068948777** or e-mail address **support@eprochelpdesk.com.**

For Electricity related complaints Call: 1912

Sd/-
General Manager (Projects)
CESC, Mysuru.

DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/321/2024-25

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owners, Sri.B.A.Sunder S/o late B.R.Aralappa Chetty and his brother Sri.B.A. Anthony Prasad, residing at No.158, 2nd Main Road, 3rd Cross, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru –560018.

The owners have represented that the Original Sale Deed dated 04/08/1943, regd. as document No.435/1943-44, in Book-I, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore City, executed by Sri. K.R. Krishnamurthy and Sri.K.R. Srinivasa Murthy in favour of Sri.B.R.Shantappa and Sri.B.R.Aralappa, both sons of Sri.Rayappa Chetty, was misplaced/lost and is not traceable. Further they represent that they have not deposited or handed over the said Sale Deed to any person/s or Bank and or any authority and that they have a freehold subsisting marketable title to the Schedule property.

Apart from the said owners, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.9 (PID No.46-4-9) and Municipal No.10 (PID No.46-4-10), (Old No.9, earlier to that No.184/9, before that No.158 and prior to that Door No.131), measuring East to West 30ft and North to South 108ft, in all measuring 3240 Sq.ft., together with a building thereon comprised of ground and first floor, situated at 2nd Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.140 (Chamrajpet Ward), and bounded on:

East by : Private property
West by : Property belonging to Sri.Basavaraju
North by : 2nd Main Road
South by : Conservancy

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

TOURISM CORPORATION OF GUJARAT LIMITED (TCGL)

(A Government of Gujarat undertaking)
Udyog Bhavan, Block No. 16, 4thFloor,
Sector - 11, Gandhinagar - 382 011
Website: https://www.gujarattourism.com

TENDER EXTENTION NOTICE

Bids are invited from reputed and experienced agencies towards **"Providing human resources on an outsourcing basis to TCGL".**

The project requirements, technical specifications, eligibility criteria, selection process, etc. are included in the Tender document, which was available for download from the websites:**https://www.nprocure.com**/ and **http://www.gujarattourism.com from 27/06/2024 upto 25/07/2024** but now **the last date has been extended as below:**

The last date for Online submission of the **Technical & Financial Bid is 30/07/2024 up to 18:00 hrs.**

Submission of Physical Copy of Technical Bid should be upto 01/08/2024 up to 15:00 hrs.

Managing Director

BENGALURU MYSORE INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY

No.5, Second Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road,
Bengaluru - 560009. Ph: 080 22341230 / 35
Email: bmicapa@gmail.com

No. BMICAPA/CLU-04/15/2023-24/608 **Date: 24.07.2024**

PUBLICATION

(Under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act, 1961)

D. Kantharaju has taken approval for single layout plan and Commencement Certificate for building construction for home for the aged, which is permitted under special circumstances Agricultural Zone on 01.10.2011 pertaining to Sy.No.620/4 and Sy.No.620/7 totally measuring 0Acre-38 Guntas of Kesare Village, Kasaba hobli, Mysore Taluk from this Authority on dated 01.10.2011. Dr Kantharaju has recently applied seeking change of land use from Agriculture to Residential purpose under Sec 14(A) KTCP Act 1961 pertaining to Sy.No.620/4 at an extent of 0Acre-10½,Guntas part of 0Acre-13Guntas and Sy.No.620/7 at an extent of 0Acre-25Guntas totally 0Acre-35½ Guntas of Kesare Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore Taluk. Applicant has stated that the Change of landuse sought in the interest of public by quoting the following;

1. If the layout is made in the above mentioned land the poor and middle class people will get the sites in cheaper rates. **2.** At the time of development work of the layout daily wage labours will get work. **3.** After the layout development works, the surrounding area also will be developed. **4.** For the planned development the public will get benefits of good roads, public utility places and parks.

Objection, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 15 days from the publication of this notice. Any objection received after stipulated time will not be considered.

Sd/- Member Secretary
B.M.I.C.A.P.A., Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/AAA/1093/2024-25

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER FOR OUTSOURCING/ CONTRACT WORKS

Sr. No. (1) E-Tender Notice No.: 55-Mech-BSP-Welding-CIC, Date: 15.07.2024.
Name of Work: "Outsourcing of welding & repair activity for unloadable wagons at various sidings at CIC section for a period of two years" on open tender basis. **Tender Value:** ₹ 01,80,41,793/- (₹ One Crore Eighty Lakhs Forty One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Three Only) Inclusive of all expenditure and GST). **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹ 02,40,200/- (₹ Two Lakh Forty Thousand Two Hundred Only). **Opening of Tender: 12.00 hours on 06.08.2024.**

Sr. No. (2) E-Tender Notice No.: 56-Mech-BSP-CAMC-SWL-63, Date: 15.07.2024.
Name of Work: Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of CNC Surface Wheel Lathe (BG) model CNC-SWL-63 of BCN Depot/Bilaspur for a period of four years on open tender basis. **Tender Value:** ₹ 01,41,81, 248/- (₹ One Crore Forty One Lakh Eighty One Thousand Two Hundred Forty Eight Only) (Inclusive of all expenditure and GST). **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹ 02,20,900/-(₹ Two Lakh Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Only). **Opening of Tender: 12.00 hours on 06.08.2024.**

Further all details are available on Railway's websites: **www.ireps.gov.in.** Except E-tender no other mode of submission of tender will be accepted.

Sr. Divl. Mech. Engineer (Frt)
CPR/10/150 ***S.E.C.Rly.,Bilaspur.***

South East Central Railway @secrail

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby informed that, our client has lost the following original documents viz., 1) Sale deed dated 12-06-2002, document No.1077/2002-03, 2) Agreement for Sale dated 15-02-2002, 3) Sale deed dated 31-07-2001, document No.1846/2001-02, 4)General Power of Attorney dated 10-11-1998, 5) Betterment Charges Paid Receipt dated 29-09-2001, 6) Discharge Letter dated 28-10-2009, 7) Discharge Letter dated 02-11-2009, 8) Tax Paid Receipt dated 31-03-2005, 9)Khatha Certificate dated 08-10-2002, 10) Tax Paid Receipt dated 18-07-2001, 11)Khatha Certificate dated 10-12-2001, 12) Approved Building License dated 07-11-2002, 13)Approved Building Plan dated 07-11-2002, 14)E.C dated 04-05-2009, from 01-04-2001 to 31-03-2004, 15)E.C dated 04-05-2009, from 01-04-2004 to 30-04-2009, 16) E.C dated 20-02-2001, from 01-04-1999 to 14-02-2001, 17)E.C dated 01-07-1998, from 01-03-1983 to 28-06-1998, 18)E.C dated 15-09-2000, from 01-04-1978 to 31-03-1983, 19)E.C dated 29-12-1999, from 01-04-1998 to 26-12-1999, 20)E.C dated 14-08-2001, from 01-04-1989 to 31-08-2001, 21)E.C dated 01-06-2002, from 13-01-2000 to 13-05-2002, 22) E.C dated 08-10-2009, from 01-05-2009 to 06-10-2009, in respect of the property bearing No.13/13, 4th Main, Tata Silk Form, Near Yediyur Lake, Bengaluru-560070, while transportation from LIC HFL back office to Iron Mountain at Whitefield. If anybody found the said document please contact this **Nos.9844155041 and 9847221017.**

V.S.Rai & Associates, LAW FIRM
No. 23, "Venkatadri" 6th Main,
5th Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore-560027.
Mob : 98441 55041, 96205 79310

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No: B/TRD.2024-25/13
Dated: 18.07.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
OHE modification for running of DSDC trains.	Rs. 58,59,783.96/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 09.08.2024

For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution/Bengaluru

PUB/292/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2024-25

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DOCUMENTS LOST

I, Rajalakshmi W/o Late Ashok G.A. R/@ Gundlahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Madhugiri Taluk, Tumakuru Dist., do hereby solemnly state that, I have Site bearing No.09, with Municipal No.6288/5064/9 situated at Aradhana Extension, 4th Block, Madhugiri Town, Madhugiri Taluk. I had got this through Gift Deed Registered on 19.12.2009 as Book No.1, Register No.MDG-1-05328-2009-10 of which a Sale Deed registered in my Husband Ashok G.A. Registered on 09.11.2007 as Book No.1, Register No.MDG-1-04426-2007-08. I have lost both original Gift Deed and original Sale Deed on 26.12.2023. I have reigstered a police complaint on 18.07.2024 with Tumakuru Dist., police and have obtained LR No.1151208/2024. I futher state that above mentioned details are true to my knowledge vide affidavit dated 03.01.2024 sworn to Notary P.R. Pandurangappa.

Jharkhand Education Project Council

J.S.C.A Stadium Road, Jagannathpur, Sector -3, Dhurwa, Ranchi - 834004
Phone - 0651-2444502 Fax: 0651-2444506, E-mail: jepcranchi1@gmail.com

E-Tender for Selecting an agency for supply, installation & maintenance of various Band equipment's to 56 SoE schools and through Rate Contract for 3 Years (Package –A) And Selecting an agency for supply, installation & maintenance of various Musical instruments to 80 SoE schools through Rate Contract for 3 Years (Package-B)

BID No. JEPC/Civ/03/605/2020 (Part-1A)…….

Jharkhand Education Project Council invites online bids through e-tender for Selecting an agency for supply, installation & maintenance of various Band equipment's to 56 SoE schools and through Rate Contract for 3 Years (Package –A) And Selecting an agency for supply, installation & maintenance of various Musical instruments to 80 SoE schools through Rate Contract for 3 Years (Package-B)

The complete tender documents can be seen on and downloaded from the websites **http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in**.The cost of tender documents is Rs. 11,800.00 (Eleven thousand eight hundred only). The lists of dates with regard to this invitation for bids are given below:

Sl.	Details	Start Date	Time	End Date	Time
1	Online availability of bid document	26.07.2024	11:00am	07.08.2024	06:00pm
2	Document Download	26.07.2024	11:00am	07.08.2024	06:00pm
4	**Online Bid Submission**	26.07.2024	11:00am	07.08.2024	06:00pm
5	Submission of Sample.	03.08.2024	11:00am	07.08.2024	06:00pm
6	Opening of Technical Bid	08.08.2024	11.00am		
7	Opening of Financial Bid & Presentation	Announced after the evaluation of technical bids			
8	Signing of Bid Awarding	Announced after the evaluation of technical bids			

(Aditya Ranjan, IAS)
State Project Director
JEPC, Ranchi

PR 330659 (Jharkhand Education Project Council) 24-25 (D)

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No: B/TRD.2024-25/12
Dated: 18.07.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
(I) Provision of additional Transformer Bay at Palakode (PCV) TSS. **(II)** Provision of Auxiliary Transformer for interlocking of Level Crossings, LC No. 66 at Km. 97 between Palacode (PCV) & Marandahalli (MZU) stations, LC No. 75 at Km. 115 between Marandahalli (MZU) & Rayakokkai (RYC) stations, LC No. 82 at Km. 124 between Rayakottai (RYC) & Periyanagathunai (PRNT) stations, LC No. 89 at Km. 138 between Periyanagathunai (PRNT) & Kelamangalam (KMLM) stations, **(III)** Improvement to power factor at Hosur (HSRA) & Palakode (PCV) TSS Stations.	Rs. 1,80,71,311.61/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 09.08.2024

For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution/Bengaluru

PUB/291/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2024-25

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Government Of Karnataka
CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SIRUGUPPA– 583121
e-mail: ka.siruguppa.cmc@gmail.com & www.siruguppacity.mrc.gov.in.

CMCS/ES/MRF/LW/DW/09/2024-25, Date:22.07-2024

Short Term Tender Notification

(Tenders has been invited as per Standard Tender Document KW-1,KW-3,KG-1).

The Municipal commissioner CMC Siruguppa, invites Tender from Contractors Registered in KPWD in double cover system as per KTPP Act 1999 & Rules 2000 through KPP Portal for the following works.

Name of Grant: 1.SBM-2.O(MRF). **Indent number:** DMA/ 2024-25-/BD/WORK_INDENT 16922-Call-2. **Approximate Amount(In Lakhs):** 68.50. **Reservation:** General

2.Legacy Waste(Bio-Culture). **Indent number:** DMA/2023-24/IND1814-Call-4. **Approximate Amount(In Lakhs):** 3.15. **Reservation:** General

3.SFC DW 2023-24 (3&4 Inst). **Indent number:** DMA/2024-25/WS/WORK_INDENT 22728. **Approximate Amount(In Lakhs):** 4.72. **Reservation:** General

Calendar events:

(1) Last date for receipt of tender : from 22-07-2024 to 29-07-2024 @5.30Pm (2) date of opening of technical bid 02-08-2024 @11.30Am (3) Date of Opening of financial bid 03-08-2024 @11.30Am.

The tender details can be downloaded from the KPP platform (www.karnataka.gov.in) Tenders shall be submitted electronically, EMD , Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested contractors shall register on the KPP platform to participate in the tender.

NOTE:(1)All the rights are reserved by the under signed for postponement or cancellation of entire Tender process, rejection of bids/individual bid etc, without assigning any reason.(2)Henceforth, any changes in the schedule will not be published through newspapers and further changes in respect of this tender notification will be uploaded on KPP portal only.

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner, CMC Siruguppa.
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CHANGE OF NAME

I, ASLAM Basha, R/o No.6, 2nd Cross, Hidayath Nagar, K G Halli, Bangalore-560045 have changed my name to A Aslam Basha vide affidavit dt: 18.07.2024 sworn before Notary Sumithra.N, B'lore

I, SOWMYA Muniraj, #1386, 9th Main, Judicial Layout, GKVK Post, Bluru-65 have changed my name to Soumya Muniraj vide affidavit dt 25.07.24 before Notary A.C.Subbuswamy, Bluru

I, M.V.MUNIRAJ, #1386, 9th Main, Judicial Layout, GKVK Post, Bluru-65 have changed my minor daughter's name from Manoghna Muniraj to Aisiri Vidatri vide affidavit dt 25.07.24 before Notary A.C.Subbuswamy, Bluru

I, RAVILA Sudhakara Naidu, R/a # 1369, Kavitha Jain Road, 2nd Phase, Girinagar, Bengaluru-560085 have changed my name to Ravila Sudhakar vide affidavit dt: 24.07.2024 sworn before Notary Ramachandrappa.C, B'luru

I, Sapna Gore W/O, M Keerthidhara Dongre R/o No 394, 17th Cross, 2b Main, J P Nagar 4th Phase, Bangalore 560078 have changed my name to Sapna Keerthidhara Dongre.

I, UMASHANKER Narayana, S/o. Narayana, residing at #A-205, A-Block, 2nd Floor, Sekhar Hyde Park Apartment, Hagadur Village, Immadahalli Circle, Whitefield, Bengaluru 560066, have changed my name to Umashankar Narayana, vide Affidavit Dated: 24/07/2024, sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, Bengaluru.

I, DEVIPRASAD, residing at Plot #97, Kamadhenu Nilaya, Sai Nagar, Mutage, PO: Mutage, Dist: Belagavi, Karnataka-591124, today camping at Bengaluru, have changed my name to Deviprasad Nadpurohith, vide Affidavit Dated: 23/07/2024, sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, Bengaluru.

I, SANYA Zameer Ahmed W/o Irfan Zaher Syed residing at No.2/1, Ranoji Rao Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004 have changed my name to Sanya Zameer vide affidavit dated 23/07/2024 before Meer Hassan Notary, Bengaluru.

I, SAMEENA Gulshad Banu Akmal W/o Mohamed Akmal Fazlur Rahman residing at 215, 2nd Floor, Kuteer Bliss Apts., B.G.Road, Nobo Nagar, Bengaluru-560076 have changed my name to Sameena Gulshad Banu vide affidavit dated 23/07/2024 before Meer Hassan Notary, Bengaluru.

I, NAGANDRAN Thennarasu, R/a No.14, Divine Mercy Home, Near Mother Theresa School, 2nd Crs, T C Palya, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru-560036 have changed my Minor Daughter's name from Thukira to Thukira Nagandran vide affidavit dt: 25.07.2024 before Notary G.Rajendra, B'luru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE XXVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BENGALURU (CCH-20)
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 25233 OF 2022

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd.
incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at, "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C-Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru- 560001. And represented by its POA Holder, Mr. Pramodh G. S/o Gurumalappa, Age: 46 years.
...PLAINTIFF

AND :
Mrs. Monikanika Guha
...DEFENDANT

Summons/Notice through Paper Publication Application U/o V Rule 20(1)A R/W 151 CPC.

Defendant
Mrs. MONIKANIKA GUHA
Aged about 41 years, Daughter of Mrudul Kanti Guha, No. 2, Second Floor, 18th Main, HAL II, Indiranagara, Opp Little Orissa Restaurent, Bengaluru- 560008

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff has instituted case against you for recovery loan amount, Rs. 4,77,222/- together with interest at the rate 24% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization, You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble XXVI Addl. City Civil & Session Judge, Mayo Hall, (CCH-20), Mayo Hall At Bangalore, Court in person or by a advocate/ pleader on 07/08/2024 at 11.00 A.M. to answer the questions of the same. Failing which the matter will be heard and determined as "EX-PARTE". Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 6th day of July, 2024.

By the order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
Citiy Civil Court
Moyo Hall At Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
MP. K.N. Arvinda Navada
Advocate
No.177/1, (88)
1st Floor, No.177/1,(88), 1st Floor
Beside 12th Cross Cubbonpet
Main Road Bangalore- 560 002.

ಗ್ರಾಮ: ಕಾಡತಿಪ್ಪನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಹೋಬಳಿ: ದೊಡ್ಡಬೆಳವಂಗಲ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು: ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ: ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ

1.	ದಾಸಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಮಾರಪ್ಪ, ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಆಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ	1/1	0–32	0–06	0–26
2.	ಲಕ್ಕಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲಕ್ಕಯ್ಯ	1/2	0–36	–	0–36
3.	ಮರಿಯಮ್ಮ ಕೊಂ ನಾರಾಯಣಪ್ಪ	1/3	0–16	0–04	0–12
4.	ದೊಡ್ಡಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಕೊಂಡಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕರಂಗಯ್ಯ	2/1	0–29	–	0–29
5.	ಲಕ್ಕಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲಕ್ಕಯ್ಯ	2/2	0–05	–	0–05
6.	ಮರಿಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ನಾರಾಯಣಪ್ಪ	2/3	0–08	–	0–08
7.	ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಆಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ	2/4	0–10	–	0–10
8.	ಚಿಕ್ಕರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಮರಿಯಪ್ಪ, ಕೋಡಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕರಂಗಯ್ಯ ದಾಸಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಮಾರಪ್ಪ	3/1	0–18.12	0–01.12	0–17
9.	ಮರಿಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ನಾರಾಯಣಪ್ಪ	3/2	0–05.04	0–00.04	0–05
10.	ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಆಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ, ಲಕ್ಕಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲಕ್ಕಯ್ಯ	3/3	0–12	0–01	0–11
11.	ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಆಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ, ದೊಡ್ಡಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಕೋಟಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕರಂಗಯ್ಯ, ದಾಸಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಮಾರಪ್ಪ, ನಾಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ	4/1	4–22	0–02	4–20
12.	ಮರಿಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ನಾರಾಯಣಪ್ಪ	4/2	0–35	–	0–35
13.	ನಾಗರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ, ಮಾಥೇಶ್ ಆರ್. ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ರಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಆಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಮುನಿರಾಜು, ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಎಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ, ಹನುಮಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ಡಿ. ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ, ನರಸಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ, ಈರಕ್ಯಾತಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ, ರಾಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ವೆಂಕಟಾಚಲಯ್ಯ, ಹನುಮಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ಗೋವಿಂದಯ್ಯ, ರಂಗಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಗೋವಿಂದಪ್ಪ, ರಾಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ತೊರೆಯಪ್ಪ, ಗಂಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ, ವೆಂಕಟೇಶಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಮೂಡ್ಲಪ್ಪ, ಓಬಳಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಗಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಸೂರಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ನರಸಪ್ಪ, ಗಂಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ, ಖಾದ್ರಿನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಓಬಳಯ್ಯ, ನವೀನ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಆರ್. ಬಿನ್ ರಾಜಣ್ಣ, ನವೀನ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ರಾಜಣ್ಣ, ಸಂಜೀವಮೂರ್ತಿ, ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣಯ್ಯ, ಹನುಮಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ಚಿಕ್ಕರಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಕೇಶವಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿನ್ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣಯ್ಯ, ರತ್ನಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರಯ್ಯ, ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿನ್ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣಯ್ಯ, ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ, ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಶೀನಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಓಬಳಯ್ಯ, ಡಿ. ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ದಾಸಣ್ಣ, ಹನುಮಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಲಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ, ತಾಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ವೀರಪ್ಪ, ನಾಗೋಜಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕನಾಗಪ್ಪ, ಕರಿಯಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ, ರಾಮಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ, ಶೀನಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ, ನಾಗಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಈರಕ್ಯಾತಯ್ಯ, ವೆಂಕಟಶಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಸಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ, ವೆಂಕಟರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಗೋವಿಂದಪ್ಪ, ನಾಗಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಮುನಿರಾಜು, ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ, ನವೀನ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಆರ್ ಬಿನ್ ರಾಜಣ್ಣ, ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಗೋಮಾಳ, ಆಶ್ರಯ ಯೋಜನೆ ಅಡಿ ನಿವೇಶನ ಹಂಚಲು–ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಇವರಿಗೆ	5	152–22	152–22	–
14.	ಮುತ್ತಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ದೊಡ್ಡಯ್ಯ, ನಾಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ, ರಾಜಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿಕ್ಕರಂಗಯ್ಯ, ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಮುತ್ತಯ್ಯ	6/1	4–20	–	4–20
15.	ಲಕ್ಕಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲಕ್ಕಯ್ಯ	6/2	0–36	–	0–36
16.	ಈರಕ್ಯಾತಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ನಾಗಪ್ಪ	7/1	0–36	0–00.08	0–35.08
17.	ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ರಂಗಣ್ಣ	7/2	0–36	0–00.08	0–35.08
18.	ಮೂಡ್ಲಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಆಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ	7/3	0–36	0–00.08	0–35.08
19.	ಕೆ.ಟಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ತಿಮ್ಮಹನುಮಯ್ಯ	7/4	0–36	0–00.08.	0–35.08
20.	ನಾಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ, ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಕೋಟಪ್ಪ, ಹೆಚ್. ಮೂಡ್ಲಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಹನುಮಂತರಾಯಪ್ಪ, ಚಿಕ್ಕರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ, ಮುತ್ತಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಮುನಿಯ, ಮುದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ನಾಗಪ್ಪ	8/1	0–35	–	0–35
21.	ಲಕ್ಕಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲಕ್ಕಯ್ಯ	8/2	0–13	0–04	0–09
22.	ಆಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಮುತ್ತಮ್ಮ	9/1	0–23.08	–	0–23.08
23.	ಲಕ್ಕಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲಕ್ಕಯ್ಯ	9/2	0–10.08	–	0–10.08
24.	ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಕೋಟಪ್ಪ, ಚಿಕ್ಕರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಕೋಟಪ್ಪ, ರಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಕೋಟಪ್ಪ, ತಿಮ್ಮಕ್ಕ ಕೋಂ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣಯ್ಯ	10	1–00	–	1–00
25.	ಈರಕ್ಯಾತಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ನಾಗಪ್ಪ	11/1	0–08	–	0–08
26.	ಕೆ.ಟಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ತಿಮ್ಮಹನುಮಯ್ಯ	11/2	0–08	–	0–08
27.	ಸಿ. ಮುತ್ತರಾಯಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಚನ್ನಪ್ಪ	11/3	0–08	–	0–08
28.	ಮೂಡ್ಲಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಆಂಜಿನಪ್ಪ	11/4	0–08	–	0–08
29.	ಕೋಟಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಈರಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ, ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ರಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಈರಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ತೊರೆಯಪ್ಪ, ಈರಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ತೊರೆಯಪ್ಪ, ಗೋವಿಂದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ	12	0–39	–	039
30.	ಎಚ್. ಗೊವಿಂದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ	13/1	0–26.08	0–02	0–24.08
31.	ಪುಟ್ಟಯ್ಯ ರಂಗಪ್ಪ, ವೆಂಕಟಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ರಂಗಪ್ಪ, ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಮಾರಪ್ಪ,	13/2	3–05.08	0–02	3–03.08
32.	ಕೋಡಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಈರಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ, ತಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ರಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಈರಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಕೋರೆಯಪ್ಪ, ವೆಂಕಟನರಸಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ರಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಹೆಚ್. ಗೋವಿಂದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ	14	3–01	0–22	2–19
33.	ಈರಕ್ಯಾತಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ನಾಗಪ್ಪ, ಚನ್ನಪ್ಪಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ನಾಗಪ್ಪ, ಆಂಜನಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ನಾಗಪ್ಪ	15/1	0–28	0–03	0–25
34.	ಪುಟ್ಟನಾಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಸುಬ್ಬಯ್ಯ	15/2	0–27	0–04	0–23
35.	ಪುಟ್ಟನಾಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಸುಬ್ಬಯ್ಯ	15/3	0–26	0–03	0–23
36.	ಮುತ್ತಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ದೊಡ್ಡಯ್ಯ	16/1	0–03.08	–	0–03.08
37.	ಲಕ್ಕಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್

Dengue control: Officials told to focus on 10 most-affected districts

Karnataka has recorded 16,038 cases and 10 deaths. Of the total, 287 patients are aged below one and 5,364 are less than 18

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With a rapid rise in the number of dengue cases in the State, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Thursday directed officials to focus on ten districts where the most number of dengue cases and deaths are being reported. Karnataka has so far recorded 16,038 cases and 10 deaths.

Of the total cases, 287 are aged below one year, and 5,364 are aged less than 18 years. Apart from Bengaluru which has recorded 7,280 of the total cases reported this year, Hassan (676), Chikkamagaluru (651), Mysuru (593), Mandya (590), Haveri (565), Dharwad (521), Chitradurga (461), Shivamogga (398) and Tumkuru (388) have been reporting the most number of cases.

Health officials speaking to residents of an apartment complex in Kengeri Satellite Town in Bengaluru on Thursday on the measures taken to contain the spread of dengue. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Minister, who held a video conference with Deputy Commissioners and CEOs of Zilla Panchayats on Thursday, said it was worrisome that dengue cases were continuing to rise. "By now, we should have seen a decline in the number of cases being reported. Although the rate of increase has stabilised in some districts, urban areas, including Bengaluru, continue to be hotspots," the Minister said.

He said he has instructed Deputy Directors of ten districts with the highest cases to visit and monitor dengue hotspots under their jurisdiction. Mosquito control measures are intensified for at least another two months. "The focus on dengue control should not be reduced amid rains and floods," he said.

Field workers

The Minister, who cited a shortage of ASHA workers, said a separate meeting on chalking out intensified measures for Bengaluru would be held on Friday. "We are involving volunteers, including nursing students and NGOs, by paying them incentives to visit areas, create awareness about mosquito control and intensify source reduction activities," he added.

Health Dept. to roll out new attendance system for its employees

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Following recommendations under the Karnataka Administrative Reforms-2 report, the State Health Department is all set to roll out a new "mobile-based geofenced real-time" attendance system for its staff, including doctors, from August 1. A government order to this effect has been issued last week.

With this, all staff of the Health Department, including hospitals, commissionerate and other allied offices, should record their attendance using their mobiles. Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, who announced this in the Legislative Council, said the new system will show from which location the employee is registering his attendance.

"There will be no room for foul play. This is to ensure that doctors and officials are available for patients and the general public during the working hours. We have got several complaints that doctors are not available in the hospitals to attend to patients," the Minister said.

So far, the department has been using an Aadhaar-enabled biometric attendance system in all its offices and hospitals. However, there were several lapses in this system. Besides, the equipment needed frequent repairs, officials said.

Bitcoin scam: HC refuses to grant anticipatory bail to inspector

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The High Court of Karnataka has refused to grant anticipatory bail to Prashanth Babu D.M, who was serving as inspector of police in charge of the Technical Support Centre of the Bengaluru city Central Crime Branch, in a case of illegal accessing of the laptops seized from the accused persons in the bitcoin scam and transferring data to his desktop.

Justice M.G. Uma passed the order while rejecting the petition filed by Mr. Babu, who was already arrested and released in a case connected to the bitcoin case.

The petitioner, claiming that he had only assisted the then investigating officers in the bitcoin scam cases, had alleged that he suspects foul play on the part of the present investigating officer, who is bent upon apprehending the petitioner on one pretext or the other.

However, the court found that the Cyber Forensic Analysis Report, obtained from the Centre for Development of Advance Computing (C-DAC) in May 2024, indicated that the contents of laptops seized from Srikrishna, the prime accused in the bitcoin case, were transferred into the personal desktop of the petitioner, which was in his chamber in the Technical Centre.

Also, the court noted that the transfer of bitcoin data from the seized laptops took place when the seized laptops were kept in a sealed cover under the custody of the petitioner, who was then heading the TSC of the CCB.

The C-DAC report also revealed that after copying the contents from the two seized laptops, the petitioner, in active connivance with the other accused, allegedly got installed a crypto hardware wallet, electrum wallet applications and data wiping applications, the Court noted while accepting the Special Investigating Team's (SIT) contention that petitioner's custodial interrogation is essential for probe.

Total value of bitcoins

The SIT's Special Public Prosecutor, P. Prasanna Kumar, had pointed out to the court that the investigations and evidence have disclosed that seized laptops contained about 4,000 bitcoins at the time of transfer of the contents to the personal desktop of the petitioner. The price of one bitcoin in November 2020, when the petitioner illegally accessed them along with other accused, was about $29,000 (approximately ₹21.20 lakhs). The total value of bitcoins handled by the petitioner was about ₹850 crore.

'Sriki used ghost protocol to store, transfer coins'

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

Bitcoin scam accused hacker Srikrishna Ramesh, aka Sriki, allegedly uses ghost protocol to store and transfer ethereum (cryptocurrency) as moving into the main blockchain would flag the transfer, according to sources investigating the scam. The flagged coins cannot be traded in the main blockchain.

Sriki and his associate Robin Kandelwala, who were arrested in May in a case registered at New Extension police station in Tumakuru district in 2017, secured bail on July 23 from a Tumakuru court.

The SIT of the Criminal Investigation Department has charged the duo under sections of the Karnataka Control of Organised Crime Act, 2000. The accused had moved the High Court seeking to quash the KCOCA Act. The HC, in the first week of July, disposed of the case ruling in favour of the accused. According to sources in the investigation, Sriki, who claimed to have hacked into bitcoin exchange giant Bitfinex, transferred the coins through ghost protocol to hide the trail. The stolen coins are allegedly in the orphaned blockchain, which has anonymity.

Transferring the coins kept in the orphaned blockchain to another meta mask address is known as ghost protocol.

The sources said while many do not know how to trade these coins, it's only Sriki who has the idea of how the coins can be traded to encash and launder the money. If anyone moves the coins to the main blockchain of the ethereum, the whale alert, which is continuously monitoring the chain, will flag these coins. The flagged coins cannot be traded, sources added.

The value of 1 ethereum on Thursday was ₹2,66,508.22.

BEL signs MoU

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Bharat Electronics Ltd signed a tripartite MoU with joint stock company Rosoboronexport, Russia, and MSK Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd. for cooperation in the licensed production and supply of indigenised ammunition, which includes 30 mm ammunition (HEI & HET), 40 mm ammunition (VOG-25) and 30 mm grenade ammunition (VOG-30 D), on Tuesday. BEL said the MoU aims at leveraging the complementary strengths and capabilities of BEL and Rosoboronexport. "It will enable the indigenisation of ammunition, as required by the Indian Army," it said.

'Assembly is right platform for MLAs to air grievances'

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The Legislative Assembly, the government, and its authorities are the right platforms, not the courts, to flag the issues related to an Assembly constituency for a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), the High Court of Karnataka has said.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice N.V. Anjaria and Justice K.V. Aravind made these observations in its order dismissing a PIL petition, filed by MLA for Dasarahalli constituency in Bengaluru S. Muniraju.

The MLA had sought a direction from the court to the government to release the remaining ₹78 crore for development works in his constituency for which tenders were floated earlier.

"The popular government is the best judge for taking care of the needs and interests of the Assembly constituencies, the people, and citizens. Invoking public interest litigation jurisdiction of the court in such matters cannot be said to be well conceived, and such recourse will not be entertained by the court," the Bench said while pointing out that the petitioner, being an MLA, would have to raise or ventilate his grievances before the Legislative Assembly or the government, and not before the court.

While terming Mr. Muniraju's petition as "thoroughly misconceived and could not be entertained," the Bench said that filing the writ petition in the nature of a PIL petition and seeking relief on such scores by an MLA could not be said to be justified.

Also, the Bench said the court cannot issue a writ of mandamus to an elected government to sanction or release or increase or decrease the amount of grant which may be decided by the government authorities in their wisdom.

Canara Bank reports 10.5% growth in Q1 net profit; bad debt decreases

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NII rose 6% year on year to ₹9,166 crore, up from ₹8,666 crore last year

Canara Bank's first quarter net profit rose 10.47% to ₹3,905 crore compared with ₹3,535 crore in the year-earlier period.

Net interest income (NII) rose 6% year on year to ₹9,166 crore, up from ₹8,666 crore last year. However, the quarter saw its net interest margins decline by 2.9% from 3.05% both annually and sequentially.

Asset quality improved in the June ended quarter, the bank claimed. Gross NPAs decreased to 4.14%, compared with 5.15% in the corresponding year-earlier period, and 4.23% in the March ended quarter. Q1 also witnessed net NPAs decline to 1.24% from 1.57% a year earlier and 1.27% sequentially.

During the quarter under review, the lender's global deposit grew 11.97% YoY to ₹13,35,167 crore. Domestic advances (gross) of the bank stood at ₹ 92,0334 corre, a 9.17% growth year on year. Gross advances stood at ₹ 9,75,183 crore and grew 9.86%. Global deposits stood at ₹ 13,35,167 cr., a 11.97% growth. Global business stood at ₹ 23,10,350 crore, marking a growth of 11.07%.

Canara Bank also reported an increase of 10% in its non-interest income for the first quarter to ₹5,319 crore, compared with ₹4,819 crore in the same period a year earlier.

The bank said it achieved targets in the priority sector at 44.95% and Agricultural Credit at 22.02% of ANBC (Adjusted Net Bank Credit) as at June 2024, as against the norm of 40% and 18% respectively.

INBRIEF

Appollo NPS includes 'Sqay' in curriculum

The Appollo National Public School in Bengaluru has included Sqay Indian Martial Art, a traditional Kashmiri martial art form, for its students. The ancient martial art form was formally included at an event which was attended by Aisshwarya D.K.S. Hegde, the Vice Chairperson of Appollo National Public School, and Mohammed Ali, Joint Secretary of Sqay Federation of India, among others.

There was a demonstration of Sqay techniques by skilled practitioners, showcasing the form's unique blend of physical agility, mental focus, and spiritual discipline. This initiative aims to introduce students to the rich cultural heritage of Sqay, fostering a sense of pride, discipline, and self-awareness, according to a release.

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated July 26, we have an In Focus story on Mysuru women who turned trailblazers on the mountains. Dr. Usha Hegde recently became the first civilian from Karnataka to scale Mount Everest at 52 years, while Shamala Padmanabhan was part of the all-women trans-Himalayan expedition.

Text & Context and Science

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (July 26, Friday), the following articles are available:

- India's illegal coal mining problem **bit.ly/coalminingproblem**
- Addressing risk factors could reduce dementia cases by 40%: report **bit.ly/dementiafactors**

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Bengaluru Today
27°C The weather will be comfortable with cloudy sky. Night will be pleasant. Chaces of light rain and thunder-shower.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C Mostly dry weather to prevail. Day will be comfortable with cloudy sky. Night will be pleasant.

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SBI contact centre revamped

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The State Bank of India recently revamped its next-gen contact centre. According to an SBI release, customers can now avail over 30 banking services from the centre, such as account-related information, ATM card and cheque book services, emergency services, digital products help and support, and product information. These services are available in 12 languages, 24/7 by dialing toll-free numbers - 1800-1234 or 1800-2100.

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The devastation caused by the landslip on July 18 near Doddathappale village on the Mangaluru-Bengaluru National Highway 75, in Hassan district. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

Men at work, for a long, long time

The National Highway 75 connects Karnataka's capital with the only port city in the State. But with work on a stretch of this highway, between Sakleshpur and Maranahalli, going on for years with no end in sight, this key connecting road either gets completely unusable or turns unsafe every monsoon, report **Anil Kumar Sastry and Sathish G.T.**

What five friends experienced on the intervening night of July 17 and 18 near Doddathappale village on Mangaluru-Bengaluru National Highway 75 was nothing short of a nightmare. On the way back to their native district, Hassan, from a pilgrimage to Dharmasthala and Kukke Subrahmanya in coastal Karnataka, the men in their thirties were virtually buried under heaps of mud when a portion of a hillock fell on their moving car around 2 a.m.

But for the highway construction workers who were close by and rushed to their rescue, they might not have come out alive to tell the tale.

The highway is being widened to four lanes by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) between Hassan and Maranahalli in Hassan district (45 km) and Adda Hole and B.C. Road in Dakshina Kannada district (63 km). "Two of us also suffered injuries. I have been asked to rest for two weeks," said construction worker Akhilesh Kumar from Bihar, who was among those who rushed to save the five youths.

Following the July 18 landslip, curbs were imposed on vehicular movement fully for a day and two nights on the following days. Though the restrictions have been relaxed now, traffic crawls because of the condition of the stretch where the metalled road is nearly absent. With curbs on alternative highways (NH 275 Sampaje Ghat and NH 73 Charmadi Ghat), freight movement to and from the port town of Mangaluru to the rest of the State remains severely affected.

The incident is one of the many, some minor and some major, repeatedly occurring on the 10-km stretch of NH 75 between Sakleshpur and Maranahalli, where the winding highway passes through the hillocks before the Shiradi Ghat. For instance, in a similar incident in 2018, an oil tanker got pushed into a gorge near the same location, resulting in two deaths.

Residents believe that unscientific hill cutting, both for highway widening and execution of the Yettinahole Water Diversion project in this region, triggers landslips whenever the area witnesses heavy rains. Portions of the under-construction highway were damaged at several places on the outskirts of Sakleshpur town. "The hillocks have been cut at 90 degrees. The vegetation on the surface has been removed, damaging the soil structure. How can landslips not happen?" wondered Ravi Maranahalli, a two-time gram panchayat member from Hassan district.

This monsoon, Sakleshpur taluk in Hassan received 1,480.9 mm rainfall from June 1 to July 22 as against the normal rainfall of 960.9 mm. July alone saw 1,010.5 mm rainfall as against normal rainfall of 548 mm.

Even a decade after the 185-km Nelamangala-Hassan stretch of Bengaluru-Mangaluru National Highway 75 was made four-lane, the remaining about 125 km stretch between Hassan and B.C. Road near Mangaluru is not yet made fully four-lane. Though the work commenced in 2017, the progress has been marred by several impediments, including changing of contractors, land acquisition and forest clearance issues, change in design, and frequent landslips.

A key highway

NH 75 is a key highway which connects the State capital with the city which has the all-weather New Mangalore Port. The EXIM trade of the State heavily depends on this road that also connects other parts of the State with the coast. With a single-line rail link available for transporting freight as well as passengers, the highway plays a crucial role for passenger and goods movement between the coast and the hinterlands.

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>
> **ABDUL SHALID,** hotelier

The work on the 2-km-long elevated highway has resulted in a lot of inconvenience for the people of Kalladka town, with dust during summer and slush during the rainy season. H.S. MANJUNATH

Traffic movement was severely affected following the landslip near Doddathappale village on the Mangaluru-Bengaluru National Highway 75, in Hassan district. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

When iron ore mining and its export were at its peak, the 21-km Shiradi Ghat stretch of this highway was worn out because of the movement of overloaded ore-laden trucks. The late Oscar Fernandes, as the Union Road Transport Minister, had sanctioned funds for the upgradation of the Ghat, and finally, it was concreted (two-lane road) during 2013-16. However, the highway on either end of the Ghat in Hassan and Dakshina Kannada districts, respectively, continues to remain in a shambles, thereby making travel unsafe.

Nitin Gadkari, who continues to be at the helm of the road transport ministry in the third term of the NDA government too, had laid the foundation stone for widening NH 75 between Hassan and B.C. Road in 2016 during the first term of the NDA government.

The work commencement letters to selected contractors were issued in 2017. Isollux Corson was awarded the contract for the 45 km stretch between Hassan and Maranahalli in Hassan district at a cost of ₹400 crore on engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) mode with a two-year deadline for completion.

Larsen and Toubro (L&T) was awarded the Addahole and B.C. Road (66 km) stretch contract at a cost of about ₹821 crore under EPC mode in Dakshina Kannada district, also with a two-year deadline. The 21-km Shiradi Ghat in between these two stretches was excluded as the Ghat was concreted with a uniform width of 8 metres.

However, widening work on both the packages came to a halt within about one and a half years. While Isolux declared insolvency, L&T issued a contract foreclosure letter by 2018-end. Issues regarding land acquisition, forest clearance, non-availability of crushed stone, the addition of vehicular under/overpasses, forced L&T to walk out of the contract, the company had stated.

The NHAI took a year to on-board new contractors. It further split the Adda Hole-B.C. Road package into two. While the first package was awarded to Autade Engineering at an estimated cost of ₹400 crore for 15-km stretch, the second one was awarded to KNR Constructions at ₹ 1,100 crore for 48-km stretch.

The revised cost was almost double the original cost awarded to L&T. The Hassan-Maranahalli stretch was awarded to Rajkamal Builders, who had been the subcontractor of Isolux, at a cost of ₹538 crore (initially ₹400 crore). All these were awarded in 2021.

While the widening work is almost complete between Hassan and Sakleshpur including the Sakleshpur bypass, the work was severely hampered between Sakleshpur and Maranahalli owing to frequent landslips and other related issues. The reported demand of the contractor to completely close the stretch for at least six months to execute the work was not accepted by the administration as the highway has been a crucial link between the coast and the hinterlands.

In Dakshina Kannada district, too, the widening work was nearly complete between Adda Hole and Periyashanthi, and the progress was nearly 75% between Periyashanthi and B.C. Road. Unplanned construction, however, has been affecting road users and residents alike in Dakshina Kannada, particularly at important locations including Nellyadi, Uppinangady, Mani and Kalladka.

People down the road

The work has impacted the lives of people all along the stretch. Kalladka town, about 31 km from Mangaluru towards Bengaluru on NH 75, is a case in point. It was famous for its tea served at Lakshmi Vilas Hotel that got branded as KT (Kalladka Tea). From 2022, a 2-km elevated highway that was part of the four-lane road has become a bane for the town, by serving dust during summer and slush during monsoon, with the flyover yet to be completed. Kalladka's near absence of shoulder drains means flooding in the service roads. "This makes life miserable for pedestrians and motorists," says Yusuf Ali, a resident.

At Mani Junction, where the Madikeri-Mysuru NH 275 branches out towards Madikeri, the situation has been similar, with motorists and pedestrians struggling to negotiate the highway under construction. It is no different at Uppinangady and Nellyadi, the two other important towns on the stretch. While highway-side business establishments decry loss in business following highway widening work, residents face the difficulties of artificial floods, minor landslips, missing connectivity, and other inconveniences.

Besides tourists and travellers, among those depending on the highway are taxi drivers and hoteliers. Abdul Shalid's family has been running a hotel at Donigal for about 40 years. His family has lived through the different phases of road development that the Shiradi Ghat stretch has witnessed. During the concreting of the Ghat stretch, the highway was closed for several months.

"We are totally dependent on tourists. There is a dip in the number of vehicles as there has been a restriction on movement on the stretch at present. In the past also we have gone through similar days when there was no business. I don't know when the road will be ready, and the travellers will move around without anticipating any danger on their path," he said.

H. Venkatesh, who was heading to Mangaluru along with six friends from Bengaluru in a private vehicle, said all along the stretch he was worried about landslips. "Before starting the journey, we had information about the landslips. However, the journey could not be avoided. As we reached the Ghat stretch, the speed of the vehicle came down. And all our eyes were on the hillocks to check if there was any possibility of a landslip. I wish the government machinery and the experts find a solution to this eternal problem," he said.

The Dakshina Kannada district administration, as well as elected representatives, have urged the NHAI to expedite the construction work and complete it at the earliest. In a recent review meeting, district in-charge Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao told the NHAI to attend to Kalladka's problems on a daily basis while asking it to hasten the work. Capt. Brijesh Chowta, Lok Sabha member from Dakshin Kannada, also wanted the four-lane work completed at the earliest as passenger and freight movement was getting severely affected on a daily basis.

Following up on the demand of Capt. Chowta and Udupi-Chikkamagaluru MP Kota Srinivas Poojary, the South Western Railway operated three round trips of a special train service between Bengaluru and Mangaluru last week and has proposed to operate two round trips between Bengaluru and Karwar this weekend. However, there is no breather for freight movement, and Shiradi Ghat remains dangerous.

On the brink of his first potential Emmy Award win, Varun Viswanath talks about his experiences in the cutting room on *Reservation Dogs* and the responses to his first Television Academy nomination

Off the cuff A still from *Reservation Dogs*; Varun and Patrick Tuck (below). SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

One from the underdog

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Masking his artistic aspirations under the guise of MBA applications, Varun Vishwanath, who grew up in Bengaluru, landed a spot in the American Film Institute's (AFI) editing programme.

An apprenticeship under seasoned editors led to one of his first big breaks as an assistant editor on *Arrested Development*. But it was his work on Taika Waititi's vampire mockumentary *What We Do in the Shadows* that truly marked his ascent. His editing on the quirky, genre-defying comedy earned him an American Cinematic Editors (ACE) Eddie Award nomination and subsequent ACE accreditation.

Today, as Varun stands on the precipice of his first potential Emmy win, he talks about his experiences in the cutting room on *Reservation Dogs* and the responses to his first Television Academy nomination.

Excerpts:

Q: I'm curious about the transition from a supernatural mockumentary like 'What We Do in the Shadows' to a more grounded coming-of-age dramedy in Sterlin Harjo's vision for 'Reservation Dogs'...
A: The rhythms, the cadence, everything is different between the two shows. The big difference is that with *Reservation Dogs*, we're trying to depict real people and stay grounded because it's about real people. In *Shadows*, you've created absurd characters from scratch, so it's easier to jump into that. The style of comedy is very similar though – people talking past each other, misunderstandings, awkward silences, and rapid-fire offbeat characters.

I was initially worried about joining *Reservation Dogs*. As a big city kid, I didn't know much about American rural culture.

Surprisingly, I found that the feeling of community and family in *Reservation Dogs* reminded me of my own upbringing. It's about how we treat each other like family, even if we don't know exactly how someone is related.

Q: For me, the theme that resonated most with 'Reservation Dogs' was the sense of belonging; did your experiences living in different countries and with dual identities influence your approach to editing the show?
A: I'm drawn to stories about belonging, place, community, and connection. I want to populate stories with as much detail as possible for both insiders and outsiders to connect with.

When I speak to Indian-Americans, like my wife who grew up in Silicon Valley, I see how different their experience with belonging is compared to mine growing up in Bangalore, where I felt a strong sense of belonging. Moving to different countries and constantly trying to figure out where I belong has shaped my storytelling.

Q: Tamil humour, especially in cinema, occupies a unique space within Indian comedy; its nuances often get lost in translation. Was it the same when working on 'Reservation Dogs'?
A: It's not that people don't get it; they just don't care. People tend to have a limited, stereotypical view of Native Americans.

Reservation Dogs uses this to its advantage, making fun of these stereotypes and giving non-native viewers permission to laugh with them. It took time for audiences to become invested, but the characters are compelling.

At the end of the day, it's about making meaningful connections through storytelling.

Q: What has the response to the news of your nomination been like from back home in India?
A: My phone has been blowing up with congratulatory messages. There are a few journalists who have reached out, and I'm very close friends with Hemant Rao, the Kannada director who also works in Mumbai.

All seasons of FX's Reservation Dogs are currently streaming on Hotstar.

Handkerchief pasta beckons

The cafe in Koramangala offers al fresco dining and serves trendy eats and desserts

Twist in the tale Enjoy a fun take on classic cafe fare at Roastea. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Koramangala is becoming quite the spot for cafe hopping. The newest one I visited is Roastea. Located on 80 Feet Road in Koramangala's 4th Block, this is the brand's flagship outlet. They boast pizzas, pastas, a range of coffee and fun desserts, so I made a weekend afternoon trip to the cafe.

I walked into a large al fresco dining area. Bengaluru's weather is ideal for sitting outdoors and enjoying a coffee, and I love when cafes utilise this. Roastea also has an indoor space that can seat about 50 people. Rattan chairs and lots of green give the place an earthy vibe.

The cafe has an extensive beverage menu. They take their coffee seriously. We recommend the single estate brews from Karnataka. The Hoysala estate coffee that we tried had fresh citrus notes. Depending on the weather, a rich Callebaut hot chocolate might also hit the spot.

The menu is vegetarian with a few egg-based options. Videos of the handkerchief pasta at Roastea have been making waves on social media. So we had to order that first. There are a couple of different options, we went with the mashed potatoes with creamy butter sauce. Handkerchief pasta or fazzoletti, is a thin sheet of square-shaped pasta. All pastas at Roastea are handmade. The pink sheet of pasta is served on a bed of mashed potatoes, and a creamy butter sauce that the server pours on top. It is topped with mushrooms and herbs. The dish is very pretty, but I like my pasta al dente, so this was a tad too mushy for my taste. They also offer a mock meat option, with a roasted pumpkin sauce.

We ordered a pizza for the table. Roastea has a wood-fired oven, so the sourdough pizza arrived in no time. The chilli ala pomodoro had the spicy heat of chilli peppers, balanced by the deep umami of the in-house made fresh tomato sauce.

When it was time for dessert, we were suggested another of their signature numbers. The croissant swirl. I didn't know what to expect from this. The dish is more like a sundae. A rather large croissant is topped with vanilla ice cream, Lotus Biscoff biscuits and caramel sauce. Only go for this if you have a sweet tooth.

The open-air ambience, the quick service and the coffee on offer, make Roastea a good addition to the list of cafes in the area. Bonus, they also have valet parking.

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STEPOUT

Centenary celebrations

Kailas Sangeet Trust is presenting a concert titled *Acharya Devo Bhava* to commemorate the centenary celebrations of Acharya Pandit Bimalendu Mukherjee, a musician and polymath, known for his contributions to Hindustani classical music. Organised by the Kailas Sangeet Trust Bangalore, the music festival will travel across India between July 2024 and January 2025. There will be performance by Anupama Bhagwat and Kaushiki Chakraborty will be accompanied by Ishaan Ghosh on the tabla, Murad Ali Khan on the sarangi and Tanmay Deochake on the harmonium. Donor passes are on BookMyShow. *On July 26, 6pm at Chowdiah Memorial Hall.*

Love and loathing

Roopa Rao opens up on working with Sahadev Kelvadi on *Kenda* and what makes the film relevant

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Roopa Rao is a rare breed of filmmaker who crafts films from the heart. Her tender, coming-of-age drama, *Gantumoote* (2019), came as a breath of fresh air for the Kannada film industry. Five years on, Roopa is gearing up for the July 26 release of *Kenda* (Ember), a film directed by her long-time associate and *Gantumoote* cinematographer Sahadev Kelvadi.

Kenda is about the disenchanted youth of Bengaluru and the film explores disorganised crime through the eyes of lower-rung gangsters with big dreams. Bharath B V plays the protagonist, while Ritwik Kaikini is the music composer.

Excerpts from an interview:

Q; How did you arrive at the story of 'Kenda'?
A: Sahadev and I have known each other for almost 15 years as we started our cinema journey together. Since then, he has been talking about this concept. When we speak of rowdyism, we take only the well-known names. What about the foot soldiers, who are important to this spectrum? What brings them to this type of work? We wanted to understand this and that's how *Kenda* happened.

Q; The film's trailer hints at a political angle as well...
A: There was a time when we were growing up, we used to see a lot of *bandhs*, and curfews. The film is set in that period without revealing the exact year. When there is a riot, we see a lot of people, but who are they? Some do it for money, while some don't even know why they are involved in the riot.

Kenda is a character-driven film; through the protagonist's character, we get to the different aspects of the plot as he goes through several situations.

Q; 'Gantumoote' was from the point of view of a woman. How was it making a film driven by a male character?
A: As important as it is to tell stories from the female gaze, it is also important to tell stories that aren't masculine from the male gaze. If you call him a hero, you would expect him to be a saviour. Here, the story is the 'hero' and we have explored the aspect of aspiration.

What lies beneath Roopa Rao (below) and a still from *Kenda*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.

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Resolutions adopted

Ensuring adequate security, managing election staff, dejection among voters, reduced government accountability and economic and social constraints were serious concerns associated with simultaneous elections, it said.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil read out the resolution in the Assembly.

In the third resolution, Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil said: "The NEET examination system is severely affecting the medical education opportunities of poor children from rural areas... NEET not only makes the school education system ineffective, but also takes away the rights of the State government to admit students in State government managed medical colleges and hence it is requested that this system should be abolished."

The House demanded the Centre to exempt Karnataka from this exam and allow admission in medical colleges to students on the basis of the CET conducted by the State and cancel NEET in view of the malpractices taking place nationwide and make essential amendments to the National Medical Commission Act, 2019 (Central Act 30 of 2019).

Minister for Forest Eshwar Khandre read out a resolution on the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Forest Right Act), 2006, and urged the Centre to introduce suitable modifications in the rules for safeguarding the rights of STs and traditional forest dwellers over land and other resources.

As BJP and JD (S) members protested in the House, Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok demanded that the Speaker convene a special session of the legislature to discuss the issues related to 'One Nation, One Election' and the conduct of NEET. The BJP opposed the resolutions. Amid din, the resolutions were adopted in both the Houses.

Stormy monsoon session ends a day ahead of schedule amid Oppn. dharna

BJP-JD(S) petition the Governor seeking direction to the Chief Minister to resign over the MUDA and Valmiki corporation controversies

IN THE LEGISLATURE

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Both Houses of the Karnataka legislature were adjourned *sine die* on Thursday, a day ahead of the schedule, amid furore created by BJP and JD(S) members who resumed their overnight dharna demanding permission to debate the alleged irregularities in the allotment of alternative sites by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) to landlosers, including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife.

With this, the monsoon session of the State legislature, which had commenced on July 15 and transacted for eight days, came to an end. The session, which turned out to be one of the stormiest in recent times, was marked by skirmishes over the alleged irregularities in the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd. and MUDA. The Opposition parties have been demanding the Chief Minister's resignation over the two alleged irregularities.

Legislators of BJP and JD(S) took out a protest march from the Vidhana Soudha to the Raj Bhavan and submitted a memorandum to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Thursday.

Slew of Bills

Before being adjourned *sine die*, both Houses saw hectic transactions as a slew of Bills as well as four resolutions that decry the stand of the Centre were adopted amid protest by the Opposition members.

Earlier on Thursday, the Assembly had to be adjourned for a brief time before the final adjournment to ensure order as the Opposition members indulged in a vociferous protest marked by shouting of slogans against the Chief Minister and Speaker U.T. Khader for denying permission to debate the MUDA scam.

Soon after the Houses were adjourned, BJP and JD(S) members took out a padayatra to the Raj Bhavan and petitioned Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, appealing to him to direct the Chief Minister to quit in the wake of alleged scams in the ST corporation and MUDA. They alleged that while the money meant for Dalit welfare had been siphoned off from the ST corporation, the land of a Dalit family had been transferred to the Chief Minister's wife in the MUDA scam. Funds to the tune of ₹25,000 crore meant for Dalit welfare had been "diverted" by the Congress government to other works much against norms, they alleged.

Declaring that the BJP would take the issue to a logical end, BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra told media persons that the future course of struggle would be decided in consultation with the JD(S).

Padayatra planned

Meanwhile, sources in the BJP said the party was getting ready to take out a padayatra along with the JD (S) from Bengaluru to Mysuru to build pressure on the Chief Minister to quit. The party is said to be working on the modalities of the padayatra, which it proposes to begin next week. The JD(S) will have a crucial role in the padayatra as it has significant political influence in the areas through which the padayatra would be taken out, sources said.

When asked about the BJP's padayatra plan, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said, "Let them walk to Delhi. We will release a list of their scams and expose them."

Governor sought explanation from CM, says Vijayendra

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BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra on Thursday claimed that Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot had sought an explanation from Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on alleged irregularities in the allotment of alternative sites by MUDA.

Speaking to media persons in Bengaluru, Mr. Vijayendra referred to Wednesday's meeting with the Governor and said it was the Governor who had called the Chief Minister to discuss about the alleged scam in MUDA.

We will release list of MUDA sites allotted by BJP govt.: DKS

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Opposition legislators, who participated in a night-long dharna in the Vidhana Soudha, with Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti going on a morning walk on Thursday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar announced on Thursday that the government would soon release a list of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) sites illegally allotted by the previous BJP government, even as BJP and JD (S) members continued to demand a discussion in the legislature on the alleged scam in the authority.

Speaking to reporters, he said, "The media had reported that MUDA sites were allotted by the BJP two years ago. The BJP could have admitted it during the discussion in the session. They are scared that their misdeeds will come out." He said, "We allowed detailed discussions on the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Schedules Tribes Development Corporation Ltd. scam, and the BJP leaders raised many issues. But the same BJP did not allow Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to respond, fearing being exposed. But the Chief Minister exposed BJP's scams in writing. The government has ordered an inquiry into all those scams."

The BJP and JD(S) resorted to a night-long dharna in both Houses of the legislature on Wednesday demanding a discussion on alleged irregularities in MUDA, including the allotment of 14 alternative sites to Mr. Siddaramaiah's wife. Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok demanded a CBI probe into the alleged ₹3,000 crore land scam.

The Congress government has ordered a one-man judicial probe committee into the allotment of MUDA sites from 2006 to 2024. "There is nothing wrong in the allocation of sites to the Chief Minister as per rules. If any irregularity happened, it happened during the BJP rule," Mr. Shivakumar said.

"Investigations are on. We will expose the BJP's scams during the tenures of former Chief Ministers B.S. Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai. They are trying to obstruct the functioning of the Assembly. We will expose all their scams," he said.

I have no blot in 40-year political career: CM

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah speaking in the Legislative Council on Thursday.

Amid din created by BJP and Janata Dal (Secular) members over being denied permission to discuss the alleged irregularities in MUDA, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said in the Legislative Council that the Opposition was jealous that he had become the Chief Minister for the second time, and that he had no black spot in his 40 years of political life.

"I do not have any role in the MUDA irregularities. We had sought sites as per the law and MUDA has distributed the sites as per rules. What is the fault in this? If we had asked for sites at a specific location, then it would have been illegal. Why should we interfere when MUDA has allotted the sites?" he said. "I know your intention is to sully my image. I will not allow that to happen," he added.

Accusing the Opposition of deliberately bringing up the subject to disrupt the functioning of the House, the Chief Minister said: "Though alleged irregularities have taken place during the BJP tenure, efforts are being made to accuse me. You will not be successful in that effort." However, Leader of the Opposition Chalavadi Narayanswamy said the Chief Minister had taken the issues personally. "We are demanding a discussion because allegations of irregularities have surfaced. There are allegations that the Chief Minister's family members are involved. Why is it that permission is not being given to discuss the issue?"

Bill to provide quota for SCs, STs, OBCs in outsourced jobs in govt. depts. adopted

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The Karnataka legislature on Thursday adopted the Karnataka SCs, STs, and OBCs (Reservation of Appointments etc.) (Amendment Bill), 2024, to provide reservation in the appointment for posts on an outsourced basis in government departments, amid protests by Opposition BJP and JD(S) members. It also adopted five other Bills without any discussion.

The Bill would provide a reservation and create various employment opportunities for the SCs, STs, and OBCs in the appointment on a contract basis in government departments, boards, corporations, and universities etc. At present, close to 55,000 posts in government departments are outsourced.

The Bill said the appointment based on outsourcing should be on a temporary basis and should not be regularised against direct recruitment quota. It said if the appointment based on outsourcing exceeds 10% of the sanctioned strength of the post, then such appointments should be reduced every year by 10%.

The Bill said a manpower supply agency recognised by the government while making the appointment based on outsourcing has to ensure that adequate representation is given to the members of the SCs, STs, and OBCs.

Medical council

The Karnataka Medical Registration and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Bill, 2024, was adopted to fix the term of the president, vice-president, and other members of the Karnataka Medical Council for a term of five years from the date of their nomination or election and prohibition of intentional insult to medical care service personnel. The Bill states that a person who has held the office of the president or the vice-president for two terms would not be eligible to be elected to the same office.

The Bill states that any intentional insult to medical care service personnel would be punished with imprisonment for a period of not less than three years which may extend up to seven years. It also includes fines ranging from ₹25,000 to ₹2 lakh. No person shall practice/represent himself as a medical practitioner unless he has registered with the council.

The council would either *suo motu* or on a complaint by any person, take cognisance of the presence of a quack within the State and lodge a complaint through the registrar with the jurisdictional police, the Bill states.

The House also adopted the Karnataka Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment) Bill, 2024, for empanelling a firm/trust/NGO in adoption of monuments.

Sri Renuka Yellamma Temple Development Authority Bill that seeks to constitute an independent statutory authority for the development and maintenance of Sri Renuka Yellamma temple at Saundatti was also adopted.

The Karnataka Land Revenue (Second Amendment) Bill, 2024, was passed to establish the Revenue Commissionerate in the State. The Karnataka Government Parks (Preservation) (Amendment) Bill, 2024, was also passed. The Bill seeks to provide two acres of land for the development of the upper terminal point under the Nandi Hills Ropeway Project under a PPP model for a 30-year period.

The Karnataka Appropriation Bill was among the four Bills passed by the Legislative Council on Thursday.

Financial burden of housing scheme beneficiaries to reduce by ₹1 lakh

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The financial burden of beneficiaries of the Chief Minister's One Lakh Housing Scheme will now reduce by ₹1 lakh for 12,153 families as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has agreed to a proposal for the government to bear an equivalent amount to help the poor beneficiaries.

The decision was taken on Thursday at a meeting in which the Chief Minister, Housing Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan and legislators from Bengaluru took part.

Such a decision would help 12,153 families as the Chief Minister has agreed to release a total of ₹121.53 crore, at the rate of ₹1 lakh per family, states an official press release from the office of the Housing Minister.

Karnataka wants to change names of four airports:

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The Shivamogga airport. FILE PHOTO

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has received a request from the State government to name four airports in Karnataka after eminent personalities.

The four are – Vijayapura airport, Hubballi airport, Belagavi airport, and Shivamogga airport, and the proposed names by the State government are Jagajyothi Basaveshwara airport, Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna airport, Kittur Rani Chennamma airport, and Rashtrakavi Dr. K.V. Puttappa (Kuvempu) airport, respectively.

Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol, replying to an unstarred question on the proposed naming of airports, in the Lok Sabha during the ongoing session of Parliament, gave details of 10 States that had proposed names for existing and upcoming airports.

"In general, airports are known by the name of the city where they are located, unless another specific name is proposed by the respective State government supported by a resolution passed in the State Legislative Assembly, which is then considered in consultation with other ministries/departments and then sent to the Union Cabinet for final approval," the Minister said in his reply.

During Belagavi session

During the legislature session in Belagavi in December 2023, the Karnataka government had said that it was considering the proposal to name the Hubli-Dharwad airport after Sangolli Rayanna and the Belagavi airport after Veera Rani Kittur Chennamma.

During the session, Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development Minister M.B. Patil had said that only the Civil Aviation Ministry and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) had the authority to name an airport and that States could only send a proposal on it in the form of resolutions by the State legislature.

Of the four airports, the ones in Hubballi and Belagavi are operated by the AAI and the Shivamogga and Vijayapura are greenfield airports.

The Shivamogga airport which became operational last year is operated and maintained by the Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation. The Vijayapura is yet to start commercial flight operations.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

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Art in Transit to unveil Living Libraries at Bengaluru's Cubbon Park metro station

Some of the highlights of the Living Libraries' open studio event will include an illustration design workshop, a crochet circle, an art journal exhibit and a display of paintings and sketches

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Posters representing participants' journals and capturing various aspects of the city.

A nature walk organised as part of the internship.

We look at traditional libraries as places of learning, but what if we were to look at the city and earth as co-facilitators of knowledge too?" asks Yash Bhandari, the curator of Living Libraries, a new research project launched by Art in Transit, a public art and pedagogic initiative facilitated by the Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology (SMI) Bengaluru, in collaboration with the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation (BMRCL) and other city-based artists and organisations.

The core philosophy of this project is "education, ecology and community... a way of looking at spaces in the world with a non-human lens."

At an esoteric, philosophical level, this initiative is also a way of remembering this age and time, capturing aspects of life that one can capture and put in a library, according to Niret Alva, who currently leads Art in Transit. "It challenges us to look at our everyday situation as it will not be there tomorrow in terms of ecology and ecosystem," says the award-winning journalist and filmmaker. "We want to challenge young people to think about these things and inspire others to think about them too."

Open Studio

On July 27, Living Libraries will be unveiled, beginning with an open studio at the Cubbon Park metro station. The event, which starts at 10 a.m., will offer a mini art exhibit, film screenings, workshops, and installations in the station space and will be open to the public.

A quaint series of posters representing participants' journals and capturing various aspects of the city, such as sketches of Blossom Book House, auto rickshaws and filter coffee, flowering trees and scenes from inside the metro, are already up on the wall of Art in Transit's studio at the Cubbon Park metro station. Some of the other eclectic exhibits jostling for space here include a collage of photographs, big sheets of brown paper on which notes are scribbled, a range of book-cover designs and some nature-focused memes, among others. And yes, more are on their way.

Interns preparing for the launch of Living Libraries.

A group photo of the participants.

Pranati Vijay, who has created some of these exhibits, feels that they offer a guide for people to understand their environment better and encourage appreciation for nature. "We are looking to create something that helps others learn about Bengaluru ecology, specifically Cubbon Park since we are basing it here," she says.

A decade of collaboration

This is the tenth year of SMI's collaboration with BMRCL, an initiative that began back in 2014. "It is a very old relationship," says Niret, listing some other initiatives that also fall under the Art in Transit umbrella. Some of these include the *Metro Neighbourhood Project*, which sees these stations as creative community centres; *Water Stories* at the Cubbon Park metro station, which focuses on the Mannu Vaddars of the Bhovi community of Bengaluru; *Chirps of Bengaluru*, also at the Cubbon Park metro station, which offers commuters a glimpse of the birds residing in the city and *The Pillars of Bengaluru* at the Biocon Hebbagoddi Station. "We see stations as part of a wider community," says Niret, describing Art in Transit as a framework that helps create a context for art-based education based in the real world.

According to the institute's website, over 700 students, more than 200 city, national and international artists and about 20 faculty members have studied, researched and executed temporary and permanent public art and design projects at the Peenya, Chickpete, Cubbon Park, M.G. Road and Majestic metro stations. "Art in Transit has explored the potential for metro stations to be a space for place-based learning beyond classroom walls," states the website, adding that the project offers "an immersion in communities and an opportunity to celebrate the uniqueness and character of neighbourhoods around the metro stations and across the city." As with all initiatives under the Art in Transit umbrella, community participation is at the heart of Living Libraries, says Dr. Arindam Das, the director of SMI. As an institution, SMI goes beyond aesthetics, closely examining the impact of design, whether socio-cultural, financial or environmental, he says. "Engaging with the community as practitioners is a very important part of our learning," explains Dr. Das, adding that initiatives like Living Libraries can give students the confidence and conviction that they *can* do something for the community. "We have to take Bengaluru forward as a learning city and co-create neighbourhoods with local partnerships."

Summer internship

In May this year, Art in Transit launched a two-month-long summer internship, receiving multiple applications for it and finally shortlisting 14 practitioners, both from SMI and outside the institute, all of whom are exhibiting their work and conducting workshops at the open studio on July 27. As part of this internship, these young people went on nature walks and hikes, were trained in botanical illustrations, brainstormed, researched, and participated in journaling sessions. "The students signed on this summer-- when they could have been holidaying -- and have been working continuously on it," says Niret.

Dhrithi J.M., another participant, talks about some of these activities and how they inspired the various exhibits on display. "We have been participating in a lot of group activities like treks and butterfly walks, trying to find inspiration there," she says. For instance, Tanya Justin Michele, another participant, will be hosting an origami workshop based on the butterfly walk, she points out. "We are trying to create something from our personal research and interest."

Multiple displays

Other highlights of the open studio include an illustration design workshop, a crochet circle, an art journal exhibit, a display of paintings and sketches and a film screening of Niret's *Operation Hot Pursuit,* an undercover documentary on the illegal ivory trade.

So, how does putting art and design in public spaces impact the practitioners and the larger communities in which they are situated? "As a larger civic society, we (educators/artists/practitioners /researchers) are isolated in studios and galleries, and the artistic process has become more and more exclusive," says Yash, pointing out that being situated directly in the public eye allows for more dialogue and engagement with diverse people, whether it be metro employees or commuters who walk past these exhibits. "They are curious about this process. The thought, intent and imagination of what is possible allows us to be more vulnerable and focused on what it means to be human."

All are welcome to The Living Libraries open studio. To learn more, log in to artintransit_bangalore on Instagram or email yash.bhandari@manipal.edu.

Kannada play blends Japan's Bunraku puppetry with WWII narratives

The play attempts to portray the massacare by the Nazi regime in Germany from the perspective of the minds of two innocent boys

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Scenes from th play *A Friend Beyond the Fence*.

In recent years, the age-old art of puppetry has experienced a vibrant resurgence in Kannada theatre, with its unique blend of tradition and innovation. Puppetry, once a fading cultural practice, is now witnessing a renaissance as contemporary artists and theatre enthusiasts rediscover its potential to convey powerful narratives and evoke deep emotions.

One such play that has recently won the hearts of audiences across Karnataka is Kalabhi Theatre and Nirdiganta's *A Friend Beyond the Fence*, to be showcased in Ranga Shankara, J.P. Nagar on July 28.

Directed by Shravan Heggodu, the Kannada play is based on the life of eight-year-old Alex, the son of a self-appointed Nazi officer, and Ethan, a Jewish boy of the same age, and Timbo, a baby elephant, separated by a barbed wire fence in a concentration camp in Poland.

The play revolves around a man who forgets the true nature of his family and enters a deep friendship, resulting in gross injustice to them. The play is an inspired expansion of many fictional and real stories surrounding World War II and attempts to portray the massacre of lives by the Nazi regime in Germany from the perspective of the minds of two innocent boys.

Nazi regime

Inspired by various works, Shravan says he decided to write and direct the play to share the thoughts of what a child went through during the Nazi regime in Germany. "The play is inspired by the novel *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by John Boyne and many other novels on the Nazi occupation. I took inspiration from many such novels, and wrote the script in Kannada, because there are several stories and plays on the Nazi regime, but very few of what a child went through during the time. This play brings out the thoughts and conversations between children, how they build friendships even in a camp site and more."

What makes the play stand out is the use of a life size elephant puppet on stage along with many other puppets.

All the puppets in the play are operated using the Bunraku puppetry technique, a traditional form of Japanese puppetry, which is known for its excellence in craftsmanship and manipulation techniques with three artists operating a puppet. Bringing puppets to life directly with hand movements, creating a sense of realism on stage, the puppets in this play, born from the influence of Bunraku artistry, are crafted to fit the narrative and are presented in a contemporary style.

Shravan says that training the actors to learn the Bunraku art form was a challenge initially, but they picked up the technique easily, "As a director who makes puppet-based plays, it is hard for me to find actors who are also puppeteers.

The actors who worked with me worked day and night initially and it was a challenge, however, they learned the techniques of Bunraku puppetry well. As a director I also had to keep in mind that the elephant was not the only centre of attention; this play also has actors who play the characters and not just operate the puppets, so I had to make sure that the play was a nice amalgamation of puppetry and acting.

The director says that making the life-size elephant was a challenge due to the lack of resources in the country. "Puppetry is more popular and an easier art form abroad. Puppeteers abroad have sources or vendors that specifically make materials and tools for them, based on the type of puppets. However, in India, or in Karnataka there is a lack of sources or sellers who make materials and products. We are forced to procure materials from stationery shops, sofa makers or use the same materials used by theatre set makers".

"While making the life size elephant, I had a challenge procuring the right material, which would be light on the actors, but also easy to operate", he adds.

Performed by Bhuvan Manipal, Shreesha, Sowmya Bhagawat, and Ujwal U.V, with shows at 3.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., tickets for *A Friend Beyond the Fence* are available at the Ranga Shankara box-office and on *BookMyShow*.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

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Shelters and Tool Kits for Cobblers

Bangalore, July 25: The Karnataka State Leather and Leather Based Industries Board will shortly provide 2000 wooden cabinet shelters to cobblers in different parts of the State.

The Chairman of the Board, Mr. M. Danappa said that wooden cabinets would be provided to as many cobblers as possible in a phased manner. With each shelter, a toolkit would also be provided. The Board has also decided to provide the cobblers working capital in the form of raw materials and implements by forming leather craft societies. Mr. Danappa said that the Board had decided to take over the management of leather craft societies.

Govt. Drive Against Air Pollution by Automobiles

Bangalore, July 25: The Karnataka Government is contemplating measures against buses and other vehicles emitting excess smoke.

As part of the drive aimed at reducing the pollution of air by exhaust smoke from other vehicles, the Government has proposed to invite the attention of the public sector industries like the Hindustan Aeronautics, Indian Telephone Industries, Hindustan Machine tools and the Mysore State Road Transport Corporation with large fleets to the need for keeping their vehicles in good condition. The Government has also launched a drive to "revive" the beauty of some of the well-known circles like the one in front of the City Market. Some of the big circles which had beautiful gardens are at present in a neglected state.

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First climbers of Mount Everest

Sir Edmund Hillary, a mountaineer and explorer from New Zealand, accompanied by Nepali Sherpa Tenzing Norgay, were the first ones to have confirmed scaling the world's tallest peak Mount Everest, standing at a height of 29,031 feet, at 11.30 a.m. on May 29, 1953. The summit point of Mount Everest in the Himalayan ranges lies along the China-Nepal border.

First Indian to climb Mount Everest

Avatar S. Cheema was the first Indian to scale the Mount Everest on May 20, 1965. He was part of the third mission undertaken by the Indian Army, in 1965, to climb Mount Everest after two failed attempts earlier. A native of Punjab, Lt. Col Avatar Singh Cheema was decorated with Arjuna award and Padma Shri for his achievements.

First Indian woman to climb Mount Everest

Bachendri Pal, hailing from Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand, became the first Indian woman to scale the Mount Everest when she stood atop the world's highest peak on May 23, 1984. She achieved the feat a day before her 30th birthday and six days before the 31st anniversary of first ever ascent of Mount Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay.

Highest peaks on planet Earth

The mountain ranges of Himalayas, which forms a barrier between the plains of Indian subcontinent and the Tibetan plateau, features some of planet Earth's highest peaks. The mountain ranges that cross or abut five countries viz Pakistan, India, China, Nepal, and Bhutan, feature more than 100 peaks that stand at height of more than 23,600 feet above sea level.

Indian Himalayan Region

The Indian Himalayan region is spread across 13 Indian States/Union territories viz. Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Assam, and West Bengal, stretching across about 2,500 km. Nearly, five crore people reside in the Indian Himalayan region.

Age no bar: Mysuru women turn trailblazers on the mountains

Dr. Usha Hegde, at 52 years, became the first civilian from Karnataka to scale Mount Everest, while Shamala was part of the all-women trans-Himalayan expedition

Laiqh A. Khan
MYSURU

That age is only a state of mind has been amply demonstrated by two women from Mysuru, who have turned trailblazers in the Himalayan mountains.

While Dr. Usha Hegde, a professor in the department of oral pathology and microbiology at JSS Dental College in Mysuru, became the first civilian from Karnataka to scale Mount Everest at 52 years, Shamala Padmanabhan, a former journalism teacher and a retired corporate communications professional, was part of the all-women Trans Himalayan Expedition that traversed a staggering 4,841 km on foot through 35 high mountain passes from East to West of the Himalayas over a span of 140 days at an age of 64 years.

With their distinctive feats in the sky-high mountains, Usha Hegde and Shamala Padmanabhan have set an example, especially for women, that they can dream big and reach the top of the world irrespective of their age.

A mother of two students of medicine and wife of an orthopaedic doctor, Usha Hegde balanced her duties as a professor in the dental college while preparing for the Himalayan challenge, hitting the gym regularly for strength training and climbing the Chamundi Hills with a load on her back and weight tied around her ankles.

Eventually, her dream to scale Mount Everest was realized at 6.10 a.m. on May 19 this year when she stood atop its peak that soars to a height of 29,031 feet after days of arduous trek at sub-zero temperatures through treacherous regions of the Himalayan mountains, negotiating snow showers, crevasses and depleted oxygen levels. Usha, 52 now, had been a fitness enthusiast, whose passion for participating in 5K and 10K Runs in Mysuru, saw her running half marathons and full marathons in different parts of the country. She next took to cycling and swimming to emerge as a triathlete and complete the gruelling Ironman Western Australia event in 2019. But, to scale the Mount Everest, Usha had to make herself "mountain-fit".

Mysuru's Tiger Adventure Foundation organized an all-women trekking expedition to Baradasar Pass in Uttarakhand in 2018. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Trans-Himalayan expedition

Meanwhile, Shamala Padmanabhan from Mysuru was among the 11 senior women, all aged above 50 years, who successfully trekked through the 4,841 km of the mountainous route crossing the high altitude passes in different parts of India and Nepal as part of the 140-day-long Fit@50+ Women's Trans Himalayan Expedition.

The participants in the expedition comprised not only mothers but also grandmothers, points out Shamala. The youngest among them was 52 years and the oldest was 68 years. "Even though we were all senior women, we were mentally strong like any youngster and determined to complete the challenging expedition," she said reminiscing their expedition two years ago in 2022 which concluded at Kargil War Memorial on July 24, incidentally on the eve of Kargil Vijay Diwas, celebrated two days later on July 26.

Shamala Padmanabhan

Dr. Usha Hegde

Organized by Tata Steel Adventure Foundation (TSAF) in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports under the Fit India Banner along with the Indian Army, the Fit@50 + Women's Trans Himalayan expedition's objective was to raise awareness about health and fitness among senior citizens and to set an example, especially for women that it is possible to stay fit and healthy and to dream big irrespective of the age.

After the expedition was flagged off co-incidentally on International Women's Day on March 8, 2022, in New Delhi, the participants began their "journey of human endurance" from the Pang Sau Pass on the India-Myanmar border, traversing through Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, West Bengal and Sikkim before entering Nepal from its east and exiting from its West. After re-entering India, the trek continued through the Kumaon Garhwal region of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh before passing through Spiti Valley and Leh Ladakh and culminating at Dras sector of Kargil in Ladakh after 140 days on July 24, 2022, by paying their homage to the martyrs at the war memorial.

Usha Hegde with the tricolour flag from the summit.

The participants of the Trans Himalayan Expedition of 2022 had to spend a night at a graveyard in Nepal.

The 11-member team

The eleven-member team comprising women in their 50s and 60s was led by the well-known mountaineer Bachendri Pal, the first Indian woman to scale Mount Everest in the year 1984. The participants ranged from housewives, mothers and grandmothers to retired corporate professionals, retired locomotive driver and working women too.

The participants in the expedition traversed through 35 high mountain passes including the tough Lamkhaga Pass situated at a height of 17,700 feet, Parang La Pass at an astounding 18,300 feet, the Bhabha Pass at 16,000 feet and Thorang La Pass at 17,800 feet.

Over 50 guest trekkers including three from outside India joined the expedition for a short duration of 7-10 days at different locations. Among them was a 75-year-old woman who successfully crossed the Lamkhaga Pass, she said.

The team had to overcome extreme weather conditions, treacherous climbs, and constrained resources during the journey that turned out to be the ultimate endurance test for the women in their 50s and 60s. Some of the routes in Eastern and Western Nepal were extremely remote and many times the team trekked for days on end between an altitude of 10,000-14,000 ft. While the longest day trekked was 13.5 hours at an altitude above 10,000 ft, the longest distance covered in a day at a high altitude of 12,000 ft was 29 km, according to the note.

Shamala said the trekkers encountered several unique experiences during the expedition that included a stay at a graveyard, a chicken farm, abandoned buildings and old school verandas.

The aim of this expedition was also to highlight the need to remain fit and show that age is no barrier to living a healthy lifestyle. "50 or 60 years of age doesn't mean dreams should be over," said Shamala.

All-women trekking expedition

The participants hailed from not only Mysuru, but also from Madikeri, Hassan, Kanakapura, and Bengaluru also

Laiqh A. Khan
MYSURU

Mysuru's Tiger Adventure Foundation which frequently organises trekking expeditions to the Himalayan mountains organised an all-women trekking expedition to Baradasar Pass in Uttarakhand in 2018.

"We had taken about 27 women on an all-women expedition titled 'Nari Shakti' to the Himalayan mountains in Uttarakhand. During the 10-day expedition, the participants trekked to Baradasar Pass that is at a height of 15,100 feet in Uttarkashi district in Uttarakhand," said Foundation's D.S.D. Solanki.

While the youngest participant was 15 years old, the oldest was 66. The participants hailed from not only Mysuru, but also adjoining Madikeri, Hassan, Kanakapura and Bengaluru also. A five-member support staff from the Foundation had accompanied the women on the expedition. "Every time we organise a trekking expedition, the response is more from women than men. In most of our expeditions, women comprise more than 60 zper cent of the participants," pointed out Solanki.

Members of the All-women trekking expedition to Baradasar Pass in Uttarakhand in 2018. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Search for missing Kerala driver and lorry intensified

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

On the 10th day of search for a lorry driver, Arjun, from Kerala and his vehicle in the Gangavali river near Shirur in Uttara Kannada on Thursday, experts zeroed in on spots of devastation from the landslip that swept him away.

Major General Indra Balan (retd) and his team from a private agency in Delhi spent the day searching for spots where the truck could have been buried.

While they identified two spots on Wednesday, they zeroed in on the third on Thursday after a day-long reconnaissance done using a deep-penetrating radar- and Sonar-mounted drone.

To a query, Mr. Balan clarified that it is difficult to say whether the body of the driver is still in the cabin or not as thermal scanning has not shown any positive results. However, they will be conducting thermal scanning again at night at the identified spot, he added.

Deputy Commissioner of Uttara Kannada Lakshmi Priya said that they are yet to receive the final data on location coordinates of the spot where the truck seems to be buried.Ankola MLA Satish Sail told pressmen that all possible efforts are being made to trace the driver from Kerala who is reportedly buried along with his truck in the river. The indications are that the operations can see some result by Friday.

Kerala's diaspora-oriented posting draws MEA's flak

On appointment of external cooperation officer, Ministry cautions against 'intrusion' into domains beyond State jurisdiction; BJP has also criticised the move of the LDF government in the State

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

> Our position is that State governments should not intrude into matters that are beyond their Constitutional jurisdiction
>
> **RANDHIR JAISWAL**
> Official Spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs

Days after the Kerala government appointed senior IAS officer K. Vasuki as an officer in charge of "external cooperation", the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Thursday reminded the State governments that they should not "intrude" into domains that are beyond the "Constitutional jurisdiction" of the States.

"The Constitution of India under the 7th Schedule list 1 - Union list, item 10, clearly specifies that foreign affairs and all matters which bring the Union into relation with any foreign country, are the sole prerogative of the Union Government," said Official Spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs Randhir Jaiswal in response to a question.

The Kerala government had on July 15 appointed Ms. Vasuki as "secretary in charge of matters concerning external cooperation". The appointment had drawn attention as the foreign or external affairs are traditionally the responsibility of the Centre.

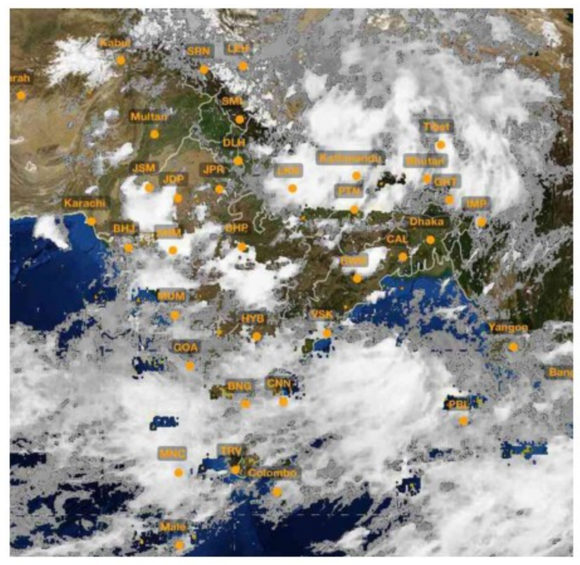
The States of the India are important stakeholders in foreign and security affairs but the ultimate foreign policy formulation takes place at the Central level. The BJP in Kerala had criticised the Left Democratic Front (LDF) government after the appointment of the IAS officer.

Kerala's decision to have an officer to deal with "external cooperation" was evidently focused on the diaspora of Kerala, foreign investment and other issues that are relevant to the State.

However, the MEA clarified that the domain of foreign policy formulation is beyond the reach of the State administrations saying: "It is not a Concurrent subject and definitely not a State subject. Our position is that State governments should not intrude into matters that are beyond their Constitutional jurisdiction," said Mr. Jaiswal.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Saurashtra & Kutch, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	1	36.0	26.7	Kozhikode	39	28.9	23.6
Ahmedabad	20	32.5	26.4	Kurnool	0.8	30.1	25.7
Aizawl	12.4	33.6	24.0	Lucknow	10	36.5	27.1
Allahabad	6	35.7	27.4	Madurai	—	37.2	27.6
Bengaluru	4	26.0	20.2	Mangaluru	73	28.6	22.8
Bhopal	1	30.0	24.4	Mumbai	68	27.1	24.6
Bhubaneswar	2	30.4	25.4	Mysuru	1.6	28.0	20.0
Chandigarh	—	36.8	35.1	New Delhi	19.1	36.2	26.2
Chennai	—	36.1	29.1	Patna	0.3	35.6	29.0
Coimbatore	9	30.0	21.6	Port Blair	22	30.5	24.6
Dehradun	3	33.4	26.2	Puducherry	—	37.0	27.8
Gangtok	35	24.9	18.9	Pune	167.5	23.2	22.0
Goa	30	30.0	24.5	Raipur	14	27.1	24.3
Guwahati	43	35.9	26.5	Ranchi	—	29.4	24.4
Hubballi	—	26.0	23.0	Shillong	—	28.0	19.0
Hyderabad	5	24.4	22.6	Shimla	25	24.0	17.5
Imphal	—	31.3	27.1	Srinagar	—	34.5	20.7
Jaipur	2	32.9	26.4	Thiruvananthapuram	6	31.0	24.7
Kochi	26	29.0	24.6	Tiruchi	—	36.5	28.0
Kohima	33	28.0	19.0	Vijayawada	—	32.6	26.4
Kolkata	6	33.0	28.0	Visakhapatnam	3	31.2	26.3

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.32	.26	.49	61	88	
Bengaluru	.14	.36	.80	45	63	
Chennai	2	8	.62	108	99	
Delhi	.15	.58	.47	108	203	
Hyderabad	.10	.18	.33	46	66	
Kolkata	8	.64	.31	39	60	
Lucknow	8	.24	101	33	62	
Mumbai	—	.64	.53	18	36	
Pune	—	.27	106	10	15	
Visakhapatnam	9	.41	.12	36	78	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Munger, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 243 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 19

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Telangana Budget lays focus on agriculture, rural development

M. Rajeev
HYDERABAD

The Telangana government has presented the State Budget with an outlay of ₹2.91 lakh crore for the financial year 2024-25 with emphasis on welfare and development of agriculture and allied sectors.

Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka introduced the Budget in the Assembly on Thursday with an estimated revenue expenditure of ₹2.2 lakh crore and capital expenditure of ₹33,487 crore. The State's economy continued to depend on borrowings, as could be seen from the public debt estimates placed at ₹62,112 crore for the fiscal and the debt repayment component amounting to ₹17,101 crore.

Major share

The Budget has special focus on a few sectors, the major being agriculture, which secured major portion of the overall allocations.

Agriculture, for instance, was allocated the lion's share of ₹72,569 crore, one-fourth of the total outlay, followed by Scheduled Caste development (₹33,124 crore) and Scheduled Tribe development (₹17,056 crore) contributing little more than ₹50,000 crore taking the total allocations to the three sectors to ₹1.22 lakh crore.

Telangana Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, before presenting the State Budget.

As expected, the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department was given ₹29,816 crore, indicating the government's focus on the development of rural areas. The Irrigation Department was allocated ₹22,301 crore indicating the government's priority of taking up projects that could be completed with lesser expenditure and education too was given equal priority with allocation of ₹21,292 crore. The Energy Department with ₹16,410 crore and Medical and Health Department with ₹11,468 crore are other major departments which secured huge allocations.

The Finance Minister presented the Budget, the first full Budget of the Congress government after a decade, with a revenue surplus of ₹297 crore and fiscal deficit of ₹49,255 crore. The primary deficit estimated in the Budget is ₹31,525 crore.

BDA lost ₹3,500 crore by not collecting betterment tax, says CAG report

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) found that the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) lost ₹3,500 crore by not collecting betterment tax, and criticised the body for its "lackadaisical effort" and "poor financial management".

The CAG report on 'Department and Public Sector Undertakings for the year ended March 22', which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday, said the BDA could collect only ₹3.22 crore out of ₹3,503.63 crore betterment tax, despite having legal authority and necessary approval from the government, the CAG said.

A file photo of the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout developed by the Bangalore Development Authority.

It said that the BDA could have collected the betterment tax of ₹3,307.91 crore at the Arkavathy Layout and ₹195.72 crore from the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout (NPKL).

The BDA had identified 2,262.15 acres from 1,699 landowners at the rate of ₹3.65 lakh per gunta for betterment tax at the Arkavathy Layout. At NPKL, 610.02 acres belonging to 315 landowners at the rate of ₹80,208 per gunta were identified. The government approved levy of betterment tax in February 2018.

In 2019 and 2020, the authority ended up paying ₹34.66 crore interest for the outstanding loans, which was "avoidable had the BDA made earnest efforts to realise potential revenue sources such as betterment tax", the audit said.

The CAG noted irregularities in the allotment of sites under the BDA's incentive scheme, leading to "undue benefits" of ₹10.54 crore to landowners.

The CAG noted a glaring disparity in the allocation of funds to temples and said that between 2017-18 and 2021-22, Muzrai temples received ₹44.48 crore as against ₹187.81 crore given to private temples.

A total of 2,856 religious institutions received grants and of them 592 belonged to the Muzrai Department.

The report said that authorities have not inspected and have not issued no-objection certificates to 15,366 high-rise buildings out of 19,640 in seven cities of Karnataka and this led to a loss of revenue of ₹165.24 crore.

The Mines and Geology Department did not levy/collect the royalty and additional periodic payment on minimum production quantity of ordinary sand during 2018-22 in eight districts aggregating ₹493.9 crore.

Over one lakh cusecs likely to be released from KRS dam; flood warning issued

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

In the wake of heavy rain in the catchment areas, the water release from the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) dam across the Cauvery will be stepped up to over one lakh cusecs from the 70,000 cusecs at present.

A release from Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd. (CNNL) and the Mandya district administration on Thursday evening said the outflow from the KRS dam would be stepped up to one lakh cusecs to 1.5 lakh cusecs in due course.

This will be the highest in terms of outflow from the dam in the last two years and is due to the dam attaining the full level of 124.8 ft with no let-up in the rate of inflow into the reservoir.

Monsoon tour: Heavy rain and water release from dams have increased the flow in the Bharachukki falls in Chamarajanagar district of Karnataka. K. MURALI KUMAR

Issuing a flood warning, authorities directed people in low-lying areas and those living on the banks downstream to move to safer locations. The Mandya district administration has already identified 92 villages as vulnerable to flooding. Places of tourist interest along the banks are out of bounds for public due to surge in the water levels. The Forest Department ordered the closure of the Ranganathittu Bird sanctuary to public with effect from Thursday.

'Fraudsters using dating apps, matrimonial sites'

Harish Gilai
VISAKHAPATNAM

Recently, a software employee from Visakhapatnam received a 'friend request' from an unknown young women on Instagram.

After accepting the request, they started chatting and exchanged their contact numbers. Gradually as their friendship grew, the woman started asking him for money, in a phased manner, citing personal reasons.

After lending her around ₹22 lakh, the techie realised that he was getting conned by the woman and lodged a police complaint.

It was later found that the woman faked her identity by using an unknown person's photo as the display picture. The police found that the accused was a 32-year-old woman from Hyderabad. She was arrested by the team of the cybercrime police.

Though the accused in this case has turned out to be a woman, in most of these honey-trapping cases, the accused are men. As per the cybercrime police, at least five such cases are reported from the city every month.

Cybercrime Police Station Inspector K. Bhavani Prasad said that cyber fraudsters browse matrimonial sites and dating applications to identify their targets.

Happiness committee to hear the case of Kerala judicial officers

First meeting to be held today; High Court judge to head the committee; announcement comes amid widespread resentment among judicial officers of the State over a recent decision of the Kerala HC to seek explanation from 100 officers who took 30 days of leave last year and 10 days this year

K.S. Sudhi
KOCHI

Judicial officers of Kerala harbouring professional grievances can bring them before a happiness committee, which will start functioning shortly.

The 'Welfare, Happiness and Grievances of Judicial Officers of District Judiciary' will be headed by C.S. Dias, a judge of the Kerala High Court.

The decision regarding the formation of the committee was announced at an online meeting of all judicial officers of Kerala, convened by Acting Chief Justice Mohammed Mushtaq, on Tuesday. It was for the first time that a meeting of all judicial officers of Kerala was convened by the High Court.

Reason for leave

The announcement came at a time when widespread resentment is reportedly brewing among the judicial officers of the State over a recent decision of the Kerala High Court to seek explanation from around 100 officers who took leave during the last year as well as this year.

ILLUSTRATION: SREEJITH RAVIKUMAR

The court registry had asked the officers, who had taken over 30 days of leave last year and 10 days this year, reasons for taking leave.

The court had also asked the Principal District Judges and Chief Judicial Magistrates of each district to personally meet the officers who had taken the leave and apprise them of the level of commitment and dedication expected from them.

Strong criticism

The Judicial Officers Association had taken up the issue with the High Court as the decision had evoked sharp criticism from its member officers. There are around 600 officers in Kerala of which around 60% are women.

The judicial officers can bring their grievances to the committee through the Registrar (Judicial) of the High Court. The first meeting of the committee will be held on July 26, sources said.

The Principal District Judge, Ernakulam, the president of the Kerala Judicial Officers' Association, the Registrar (Computerisation)-cum-Director (IT) and the Deputy Registrar (IT) will be special invitees to the committee.

Meanwhile, the High Court has decided to introduce a mentor system for officers on a zonal basis. Bechu Kurian Thomas will be the mentor judge for the south zone, T.R. Ravi will head the north zone and N. Nagaresh the central zone, sources said.

More for more

Budget allocations have not helped States ruled by parties opposed to BJP

Budgets of the Union or the States, as much as they are revenue and expenditure statements for the upcoming fiscal year, are also an exercise in political economy, and the recently tabled Union Budget for 2024-25 is no different. Aside from the "nine priorities", beginning with provisions for the farm sector and attempts to boost employment, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman delved at some length on the special provisions made for the States of Andhra Pradesh and Bihar. Both are headed by parties providing crucial support to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) after its underwhelming performance in the 2024 general election. The Janata Dal (United) headed by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, and the Telugu Desam Party headed by his Andhra Pradesh counterpart N. Chandrababu Naidu are parties associated with the convenership of the National Democratic Alliance in the past. These are also parties that severed long-standing ties with the BJP over issues that ranged from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's alleged non-secular credentials to ignoring demands for increased central aid. Bihar has now received the largest chunk with outlays worth almost ₹59,000 crore. These include road infrastructure outlays for ₹26,000 crore, ₹21,400 crore for a 2,400 MW power plant, and ₹11,500 crore to address irrigation and flood mitigation. While Mr. Naidu had been more vociferous than Mr. Kumar with his demands for assistance worth ₹1 lakh crore, the cornerstone outlay in the Budget was a facilitation of 'special financial support' of ₹15,000 crore for the development of the State's new capital, Amaravati. While Ms. Sitharaman promised to hasten the completion of the Polavaram irrigation project 'to ensure food security of the nation', Budget documents do not mention concrete outlays.

Both States have unsustainable public debts of about one-third, that is the debt to Gross State Domestic Product ratio, and both deserve the special attention they have received. But by making piecemeal allocations for projects in the rest of the country, as for the Mumbai Metro rail, and by ignoring other similar critical infrastructure spends in Opposition-ruled States (Chennai's Metro rail in Tamil Nadu and Kerala's Vizhinjam port project are examples), Ms. Sitharaman has failed to provide a fair and equitable distribution of the Union's finances. While the debt-ridden and poorer regions of the country rightly deserve greater attention, ignoring States that generate the most revenue for the Union runs the risk of slowing down development that has acquired critical mass to enable these States to become global economic powerhouses. As they have begun attracting cutting-edge technology, corporates, talent and creating the required research and development base to house next-generation industries on energy transition, automobiles, artificial intelligence, mobile and semi-conductors, the industrially and socio-economically advanced States too need a helping hand.

Sporting extravaganza

The Olympics will keep the world occupied over the next fortnight

The quadrennial confluence of the world's finest athletes, the Olympics, is beginning in Paris from Friday. The latest edition does not have the constricting environment that preceded 'Tokyo 2020', held in 2021 in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, this arrives at a time of global churn. While Russia remains banned from the Games due to its war moves, Israel will be present despite some dissenting voices over the manner in which it has dealt with the Palestinian issue. Some individual Russians will compete under a neutral banner but the nation will miss team events. The Olympics, with its competitive spirit, will offer a level playing field featuring countries like the United States and China at one end and an island-country like Fiji at the other. Being part of the event bequeaths the title Olympian to athletes fortunate to qualify for this big bash, and winning a medal only further enhances that halo. Paris, and France at large, will be tested over the next fortnight as the Olympics, even if it vests the host with soft power, often affects the economy; indeed, there was some resistance emanating from the banks of the Seine.

The U.S., China, Japan, Great Britain, Australia, Germany and France are the behemoths chasing glory. However, the Games is also about the lone athlete dishing out magic and garnering attention, as Usain Bolt did in the past. Veteran Rafael Nadal and the latest tennis prince, Carlos Alcaraz, getting excited to represent Spain in tennis is another glimpse of the eternal allure of the Olympics. That the Games has even incorporated breakdancing is a pointer to the entertainment industry finding a larger imprint while lines between sport and art constantly blur. With 204 countries, including India, besides neutral athletes and a refugee team, jostling for a place on the victor's podium, the Olympics provides a space for smaller units to carve a niche and stun bigger opponents. Morocco defeating Argentina in a tempestuous football game has already added zest to the Games. Above all, the Olympics grants hope and redemption, and for a strife-ridden country like Afghanistan, the event also serves as a diversion. The 1972 Munich edition marred by a terror strike on the Israeli contingent remains a harrowing memory and in a world on the boil, security will be a concern for the organising committee. That some members of the Australian women's water polo squad tested positive for COVID-19 is also a reality check while all eyes are on Paris.

The 'geo-calculus' of the Moscow visit

Suhasini Haidar

Two weeks after Prime Minister Narendra Modi visit to Russia, his first bilateral trip in the third tenure of the government, the dust from the storm it kicked up in the United States and Europe is only just beginning to settle. The evident warmth between Mr. Modi and the Russian President, Vladimir Putin, drew sharp criticism from the Ukraine President, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and also a series of statements from the U.S. State Department, the National Security Adviser and the U.S. Ambassador to India, expressing disappointment. New Delhi has asserted its "freedom of choice" but has moved to allay concerns that anything fundamental has changed in India's worldview as a result of the Russia visit. It would be a mistake, however, to assume that nothing has indeed changed, purely by examining formal outcomes. In many ways, Mr. Modi's visit was the message itself.

Assessment of the conflict in Ukraine

To begin with, the fact that the Prime Minister decided to travel to Russia two years after the war began, and not earlier, is significant. After the Russian invasion of Ukraine, he had decided not to go for an annual India-Russia summit in 2022 and 2023, and the only public messaging revolved around Mr. Modi's "this era is not of war" statement that he made to Mr. Putin at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Uzbekistan in September 2022. While the war in Ukraine continues, the nature of the conflict has changed, and Mr. Modi's Moscow visit must be read in the context of how New Delhi sees the progress of the conflict. The Russian army suffered a great toll in the first two years – there was a botched offensive on Kyiv; a gross miscalculation of the resilience of Mr. Zelenskyy and Ukrainian defences; the desperate attempt at a draft for Russian youth that led many Moscow elites to leave the country; massive military casualties, and questions over the efficacy of Russian military hardware against the new equipment Ukraine was being supplied by North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) countries. However, today, Russia seems to be in a far better place for holding the status quo line over the area in Ukraine's east that it occupies, and has subsequently folded into its own territory with constitutional amendments.

As western countries now push for a "peace process", that began with the conference in Switzerland (June 2024), New Delhi seems to have concluded that a frozen conflict is the most likely outcome. Any change to that status quo could only come from a massive escalation by Ukraine, requiring major new commitments of men and also military ground and airpower from its western partners. New Delhi also wagered, even before U.S. President Joe Biden announced that he would bow out of the U.S. Presidential race, that there is going to be a change in Washington in November – with Mr. Biden's challenger. the former U.S. President Donald Trump, indicating a reduced commitment to Kyiv in the war, and less antagonism towards Moscow.

> There was one clear message – of the sure bet the Narendra Modi government has placed on India-Russia ties

If so, Mr. Modi's visit was an acknowledgement that Russia has already weathered the worst, and that it would be pointless for India to continue its rupture of the annual summit to the detriment of bilateral ties. The reference in the India-Russia joint statement, of the conflict "around Ukraine" as opposed to "in Ukraine", even seems to be a subtle acceptance of Russian claims. Another reference, showing "appreciation" for peace proposals "in accordance with international law and on the basis of the UN Charter", suggests common ground between the two countries. India has refused to criticise Russia for the war so far, with more than 20 abstentions at the United Nations, including during the latest vote, on July 11 at the UN General Assembly, over a resolution calling on Russia to cease fire after deadly missile attacks that targeted a children's hospital among other buildings. Despite meetings with Mr. Zelenskyy and a visit to India by Ukraine Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dmytro Kuleba, in March this year, New Delhi has hesitated on other requests from Kyiv as well – such as allowing Indian companies to provide construction, medical devices and telecom infrastructure to the Ukrainian government, or move beyond its aid of humanitarian items, thereby indicating its unwillingness to invoke Russian ire.

Keeping Russia from China

The geopolitical signalling of the visit extends to other spheres: by going to Moscow, days after cancelling his visit to Astana, Kazakhstan, for the SCO Summit, Mr. Modi showed that he was willing to forego a joint appearance with Chinese President Xi Jinping, but not with Mr. Putin. This is the reverse of western messaging, that has been calling on China to reduce its support to Russia, rather than the other way around. India's concerns about keeping Russia on-side in the face of continuing tensions with China at the Line of Actual Control remain a priority, regardless of its partnerships with western countries in the Indo-Pacific. The U.S.'s actions in the past few years have also given many in New Delhi cause for pause – the Biden administration has forged AUKUS (Australia-U.K.-U.S.) for nuclear submarines, engaged "Quad Plus"-countries such as New Zealand, South Korea, Vietnam and the Philippines intensely, and during the NATO summit in Washington that was held at the same time as the Modi-Putin summit, the U.S. hosted the "AP-4" or leaders of Australia, New Zealand, South Korea and Japan. With its refusal to make the Quad (India, Japan, Australia, U.S.) a strategic concept, New Delhi stands in danger of limiting its utility to Indo-Pacific partners compared to these other groups. It remains to be seen whether the Modi government is able to convince them to infuse new energy into the Quad on other fronts, with a Quad Foreign Ministers' meeting around the corner, and plans for a possible Quad summit later this year in New Delhi. In that sense, the Russia visit was not just an assertion of India's strategic autonomy but also a reminder that India still has other options.

Geo-economics thrust

Finally, Mr. Modi's Russian journey must be considered in its 'geo-economic' rather than just its 'geopolitical' context. Regardless of the outcomes on the battlefield in Ukraine, it is clear that western sanctions against Russia will remain, and, consequently, so will India's supply of discounted Russian oil as well. These imports have meant that India-Russia trade ties, that have hovered in the $5 billion-$10 billion range for decades, grew by 66% to a whopping $65 billion last year; this has grown a further 20% in the first quarter of 2024. The spurt is unsustainable unless India develops payment mechanisms for the oil imports. The Modi-Putin summit took many steps to address that issue, listing action-items in nine specific areas in a Joint Vision statement on trade by 2030 that appeared to make circumventing western sanctions a priority.

In addition, the joint statement on furthering cooperation in Russia's Far East focuses on increasing energy (oil and LNG) supplies from Russia, as well as much-needed commodities exports from India, using the yet-to-be-operationalised Chennai-Vladivostok maritime corridor. While these will help rationalise the trade imbalance, both sides will also seek mutual investments, of the kind seen when Rosneft acquired a controlling stake in the Gujarat-based Vadinar refinery (Nayara Energy), the largest foreign direct investment of its kind in India, at more than $23 billion, according to Mr. Putin. In turn, Indian public sector units have bought stakes in Russian oil fields to the tune of $15 billion. Despite the financial implications, the U.S. and Europe have steered clear of sanctioning any of these transactions, as they accept Vadinar-processed Russian oil products as "Indian-products", and New Delhi is surmising that more such deals could be a safe proposition in the future as well. Russian access to the North Sea trade route around the Arctic region is invaluable as India seeks new connectivity possibilities to its east – a Trump administration is likely to double down on strictures against Iran-led connectivity routes such as the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) and the Chabahar project to India's west. At a time when military hardware imports, that have been the mainstay of India-Russia ties, are being reduced due to India's decade-long diversification and Russia's preoccupation with the Ukraine war, such geo-economic strategies give New Delhi new levers in the bilateral relationship.

While all such calculations could still go awry, depending on how the Ukraine war proceeds, the Russian economy struggles with sanctions, and the U.S. sets a new course post-elections, the enduring message from the Moscow visit is the solid bet the Modi government has placed on India-Russia ties.

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The Karnataka Bill is a symptom of a larger problem

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The Karnataka Reservation Bill has been panned almost universally and also generated so much controversy that the State government was forced to pause it and issue assurances. The Karnataka State Employment of Local Candidates in the Industries, Factories and Other Establishments Bill, 2024, as it is called, mandates 50% and 70% reservation in management categories and non-management categories, respectively.

The Bill, as currently drafted, may be too heavy-handed and some provisions may need a rethink. However, a deeper conversation about the underlying issues – namely, India's exploding jobs crisis and regional socio-economic disparities – is required before knee-jerk dismissal.

The downside of inequitable growth

India has the distinction of being the fastest growing large economy in the world and also has the largest youth population. This would be a happy circumstance if its growth model created large numbers of jobs to productively employ its youth. Instead, the high-end services-led growth model has delinked growth and employment. This situation is long in the making: globalisation, financialisation, and technological advances have allowed capital and a small set of highly-skilled individuals to reap extraordinary benefits, while the working class, globally, has seen an erosion in their ability to earn.

The political repercussions of this trend are reverberating around the world. In developed countries, it manifests, *inter alia*, as a backlash against immigration; in India, it is showing up in part as regionalism and a reaction against inter-State migration. While an argument for immigration has been made in the developed world by liberal parties, it has largely been in utilitarian terms for the host country – in addressing labour shortage for unpleasant jobs, and offsetting aging populations.

> The strong reactions to the Bill must induce a serious conversation on the underlying issues — India's exploding jobs crisis and regional socio-economic disparities

While these global trends are significant, the situation in India is different and more complicated. The Constitution guarantees freedom of movement and the right to work anywhere in India; domicile requirements of this nature seem to evoke parochialism and militate against national unity.

At the same time, the impetus for local reservations is an attempt by the State political leadership to be responsive to its own electorate. This tension between local aspirations and national unity is, increasingly, a recurring theme in Indian politics, visible in questions of devolution of funds, delimitation, and State domicile requirements.

Issue of accountability

At the crux of this debate is the question of federalism and political accountability. The politics of such initiatives come not from reservation for high-skill positions, but, instead, mass unskilled jobs. It is notable that all local reservation initiatives adopt a graded scale, with near universal reservation for unskilled jobs and at lower levels for higher skill tiers. This raises two critical questions: what impels large-scale migration for unskilled jobs that could easily be done locally? And why is not industry opposition to local reservation limited to high-skill jobs, indicating a preference for migrant workers for unskilled jobs even when locals are willing and able? The answer to the first question is evident: large-scale unskilled migration is not migration by choice but distress migration, resulting from the inability of some State governments to adequately develop their regions. We can, and should, apply a national unity and constitutional lens to citizen migration but it would be intellectually dishonest if it is done to sidestep the question of political accountability for a chronic lack of development.

The response to the second is equally revealing. Industries often prefer migrant workers for unskilled jobs because they are less likely to form unions and thus more easily exploited. This dynamic not only takes away jobs from local workers but also depresses local wages.

In perspective

There is no question that all States benefit economically and culturally from being part of the larger Indian Union and thus have a responsibility to the entirety of the country and its people. However, the issue at hand is too serious for simplistic rhetoric, political expediency or mere outrage. Instead, the way forward requires a more expansive exercise.

First, there must be a real national debate involving our political class, corporate sector, civil society on urgently addressing India's job crisis. The long-term response cannot be data chicanery, unemployment allowances, or knee-jerk regionalism. Nationally, it is evident that the current skilling and production linked incentive interventions are inadequate to meet the challenge at hand. Similarly, at the State level, the fact that political responsiveness shows up in domicile quotas is indicative of an anxiety about adequately growing the employment pie. Second, we must foreground political accountability for large-scale distress migration and the endemic lack of development in some States. This political accountability must extend to both the State and national leadership. Third, questions of federalism and national unity need both an institutional response and greater political maturity. At a minimum, the atrophied National Development Council needs to be resurrected. Finally, the corporate sector must be held to account for the working standards for unskilled labour instead of allowing it to arbitrage worker precarity for its own profit.

The Karnataka Reservation Bill is a symptom of a much larger problem. While the Bill can be kept in abeyance or rewritten, the underlying issues need to be at the forefront of our discourse and politics. Our response to this challenge will shape the future of India's economic growth, social cohesion, and political stability.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Budget

The Finance Minister may issue rebuttals, but the facts stare at your face. It is not a people-friendly Budget but a Budget for the Bharatiya Janata Party's friends. Bihar and Andhra Pradesh, coalition partners of the ruling BJP-led government have got the most allocations.

While Bihar received almost ₹59,000 crore, Andhra Pradesh got ₹15,000 crore for developing its capital Amaravati. What is it that the other States got? Therefore, the protests by the Opposition are more than justified. They are looked at not as the Opposition but as opponents. This kind of lopsided dispensation and development is not conducive to the federal character of India. It is a poor Budget and not a poor man's budget.

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Chennai

C.T. Kurien

As a student in Madras Christian College in the 1970s, I remember Professor C.T. Kurien as a great scholar and humble being.

He was seen riding a bicycle on campus. Prof. Kurien went out of his way to help many a needy student. He judged a learner not by marks alone but also by his economic status.

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Is the Maharashtra Special Public Security Bill draconian?

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PARLEY

On July 11, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led Maha Yuti government tabled the Maharashtra Special Public Security Bill, 2024, in the Assembly. While presenting the Bill, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said that it is aimed at curbing the menace of Naxalism in urban areas. He said that Naxalism is not limited to rural areas and is increasing in urban areas through frontal organisations. The unlawful activities of such organisations need to be controlled through effective legal means, he added. The provisions of the proposed Bill, which allows the State to declare any organisation as 'unlawful' with offences categorised as cognisable and non-bailable, has raised concerns. Is the Maharashtra Special Public Security Bill draconian? Yashovardhan Azad and Brinda Adige discuss the question in a conversation moderated by **Vijaita Singh**. Edited excerpts:

What is your opinion about this Bill?

Yashovardhan Azad: First, I would like to know what is the "menace" that Devendra Fadnavis is talking about. We keep being told by the Home Ministry that Naxalism is on the wane and will disappear in a few years, so what is the need for the Bill? Second, is this law about frontal organisations, pamphlets, or about literature? Third, the Supreme Court had said (in 2011) that mere membership of a banned organisation does not constitute a crime (unless the person resorts or incites people to violence). Fourth, it is very difficult to define the terms in the law. Finally, the State already has laws such as MCOCA (Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999), UAPA (Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967) and BNS (Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023) [to combat all that the government is talking about], so why complicate the lives of the people? There is just no need for this Bill.

Brinda Adige: What does the Maharashtra government mean by 'urban Naxalism'? Naxalism is a communist insurgency. Extremists resort to violence using weapons, so there is trafficking in arms and ammunition. (There are laws to combat that.) The Bill talks about criminalising unlawful activity by individuals. But does it define what is unlawful? It only talks of dissent against the government, which could be any question that anyone raises holding the government and the bureaucracy accountable. The Bill also gives unilateral power to the police. The government is basically trying to control the people so that there are no questions asked of it.

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis in Mumbai. PTI

Does the Bill have the potential to be misused against the most vulnerable sections of society? Let us say someone participates in a protest and that protest is later termed an unlawful activity by the police. What will be the remedy available for that person?

YA: Any law is liable to being misused. The nature of police functioning is such that it sometimes becomes very political, and that is unfortunate. The police can proceed under existing laws, but if you start making laws for everything, then even a common man can be picked up for dissenting against the government or the powers that be. For example, in Chhattisgarh, a similar law exists. Journalists protested saying even when they were reporting, for example, about the statements of Naxal organisations, they were being arrested. These are the kinds of frivolous things which can happen.

Can the Bill also be used against political opponents?

BA: They (government) will never use it against political opponents. This Bill has primarily been tabled to target civilians, activists, and environmentalists. Let us say a group of people go on a hunger strike. This Bill mentions activities which "constitute a danger or a menace to public order, peace and tranquility". What that means has been left to the police to decide. So, the police can consider this activity unlawful. But when politicians take out a rally on the streets and stop traffic, does that not interfere with public order? The whole world once looked up to at India as the nation that gained Independence through non-violent means, or Satyagraha. Now, even that (peaceful resistance) could be seen as an unlawful activity under this Bill.

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Who is an 'urban Naxal'? Is it anyone who expresses dissent or disagrees with the government or with the police?

YA: There are Naxal overground organisations which do exist. But terror funding, harbouring someone... all of this is already covered under the existing laws. It is confusing. The Bill does not strengthen any kind of legal framework. It is weak. It is, in fact, redundant.

The Bill was tabled on the penultimate day of the Assembly. Maharashtra goes to the polls in two months. The Bill will not be a reality until the Maha Yuti government is re-elected. So, what do you think could be the motive for introducing this Bill in the last days of the government and when it knows well that the Bill cannot be implemented right away?

BA: I think the present government is trying to scare people by saying if there has been any kind of dissent against the establishment, then we are going to crack down on it if we win the elections. We (the people) have seen this happen with a lot of activists. They (government) have used words like 'toolkits' to describe how people come together. They have even planted evidence in people's computers and phones and presented that in court saying, these people were involved in this and this is the evidence that we have. So right now, it is merely to scare people.

The people elect governments, elect politicians, to work for us. We cannot allow them to become our masters with such feudal laws. This Bill is unconstitutional and is clearly against the people of this land. I hope that the people of Maharashtra understand this. When politicians have money stashed in their house as well as arms and ammunition, is that not a threat? The Bill just finds an excuse for the government to say they have found an 'urban Naxal'. Also, how will they decide who is an 'urban Naxal' and who is a 'rural Naxal'? Is it per police jurisdiction?

In the Bhima Koregaon case, suspects have been in jail for years now and the trial is yet to commence. Where does police accountability lie in all this?

YA: Our judicial system is plagued by delayed trials and delayed investigations. There should be a provision for bail. The process itself should not become the punishment. The Court should be liberal in giving bail for trials that stretch on for years.

Do you think a judicial oversight is required when such legislation is passed?

BA: Even before judicial oversight, I would like the elected representatives to follow procedures before tabling a bill. They should consult citizens. Why was there no public consultation? That is our constitutional right. We have a right to discuss the laws that we want for ourselves. After all, we all want our lives to become better. We are all seeking justice.

Mr. Fadnavis, while tabling the Bill in the Assembly, said similar laws exist in other left-wing extremism-affected States, such as Chhattisgarh and Telangana. Have these laws helped these States in curbing such activities?

YA: No, not really. In Telangana, Naxalism was controlled due to pointed action by the Greyhounds (an elite anti-Maoist force formed in 1989). The government has admitted (in Parliament) that left-wing extremism is now restricted to only 191 police stations in about 46 districts in 2021. It said incidents of left-wing extremism violence have reduced by 77% between 2010 and 2021. It is anachronistic to say that you are bringing in a Bill because other States have similar laws and that the problem of Naxalism will spillover into urban areas now. Have you consulted the people? Who has told you that this menace is increasing? Is it the police, the bureaucrats, the people, or the media? Other States are moving ahead but Maharashtra is going backwards.

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NOTEBOOK

Covering the Budget

While excitement around the day remains the same as before, both the Budget and the media have undergone changes

Kunal Shankar

In India's media timeline, one of the main annual highlights has generally been covering the Budget session of Parliament. As a reporter based in New Delhi between 2010 and 2013, my primary beat while working for a TV news channel was covering the Supreme Court. Almost as default, most beat reporters from "the south", as we were all referred to, were given a secondary beat, which was to cover the representatives of southern India's political parties in New Delhi. Today, it is more common to see New Delhi-based journalists from the south do a lot more than just cover the southern region of the country.

What was most anticipated back then was perhaps the Railways Budget, which was presented by the Union Railways Minister. People would eagerly wait to see whether fares would be reduced and new trains introduced. The Railways Budget was presented a few days before what was popularly referred to as the General Budget until 2017, when the 92-year-old practice of presenting the railway expenses of the following fiscal year, separate from those of the rest of the various arms of the government, was discontinued.

I remember covering the presentation of the Railways Budget in March 2012, when Trinamool Congress leader Dinesh Trivedi was the Union Railways Minister. Trinamool party chief Mamata Banerjee, who held the portfolio until a year earlier, had won a historic mandate in West Bengal in 2011 and had returned to Kolkata to form the first non-Left government in over three decades. There was speculation for weeks about whether rail fares would be raised as Ms. Banerjee had held them down for three years, despite the larger alliance partner, the Congress, and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh himself suggesting pragmatism over populism.

The very marginal raise in fares was given wall-to-wall coverage. On a rain-soaked day, Mr. Trivedi had to face a volley of questions from the media on the lawns outside old Parliament House. Mr. Trivedi appeared defensive, and almost helpless. Within minutes of the Railways Budget being tabled, Ms. Banerjee had threatened to withdraw support to the United Progressive Alliance into the middle of its second term in office if the hikes were not halted, and indicated that she wished to replace her Cabinet-ranked colleague, who was considered her trusted lieutenant.

Speculations were rife on who would replace Mr. Trivedi. I remember being rather direct, and almost ruthless in hindsight, with my questions on who his replacement would be, even before Mr. Trivedi could explain why the passenger fares had been hiked. By then, politics had taken over, and whether the proposed hike would be shelved or not had taken a backseat. Sure enough, in four days, the Trinamool's Mukul Roy replaced Mr. Trivedi as Railways Minister.

What struck me while covering the latest Budget was how the Railways have been relegated to the background. Today, the media reports the sudden hikes in fares, but few political parties seem to scrutinise the fares or question the increases, which pinch the pockets of the middle class and poor. There also seems little likelihood of the Railways Minister being replaced or stepping down, as Lal Bahadur Shastri did after the 1956 Ariyalur train accident, owning "moral responsibility", despite train derailments and tragedies, let alone hikes in fares.

While the excitement around the Budget remains as it did back in the day, what has strikingly changed within the media itself is the sheer number of platforms that journalists report on, which has made the coverage more breathless and challenging. Print journalists also do video interviews and podcasts now.

There is also a lack of greater interactions with Ministers and bureaucrats, who prefer to make announcements through their social media handles. This has reduced media scrutiny to an extent. While press conferences are still held, jazzy power point presentations and "key highlight" documents are prioritised over answering journalist questions.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

The beginning of festivities

Oarsmen launching the newly constructed Mallappuzhassery palliyodom (snake boat) into the Pampa River, one of the 52 snake boats participating in the 72-day Onam festivities at the Sree Parthasarathy Temple in Aranmula, Kerala. The celebrations, which attract many toursists and visitors, include a ritualistic feast for the oarsmen, a grand procession, and a thrilling regatta. During the period, snake boats from all the villages along the Pampa River, from Idakkulam in Pathanamthitta to Chennithala in Alappuzha, will converge at the temple. The festivities will conclude on October 2. LEJU KAMAL

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FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 26, 1974

World Bank plans more aid to developing areas

Washington, July 24: A major overhaul of the World Bank's lending and borrowing programme for the next four years is being planned by the Bank President, Mr. Robert McNamara, to help meet the pressing needs of the developing countries. His proposals, which in essence aim at enlarging the lending programmes by at least five per cent in real terms, will be discussed by the Board of the Bank on July 30. The proposals also seek to reduce the Bank's liquid reserves. The lending rate may rise from 7.25 per cent to eight per cent. Under the proposals, the Bank's lending programme for the next four years will aggregate $22.1 billions (Rs. 16,500 crores) as against $14 billions (Rs. 10,500 crores) planned earlier.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 26, 1924

Govt. communiques

Mysore, July 24 (4 p.m.): A Press Communique has been issued by Government regarding the floods, and the damages consequent on the floods, and the measures taken to relieve suffering. The communique says that during the 2nd week and part of the 3rd week of this month, information was received by Government of unusually heavy rainfall in the Malnad districts and in the adjoining British territory of Coorg and Wayanad.

From Page One

States have right to tax mineral-rich lands: SC

India Cements had secured a mining lease in Tamil Nadu and was paying royalty to the State government.

Chief Justice Chandrachud said State legislatures derive their power to tax mines and quarries under Article 246 read with Entry 49 (tax on lands and buildings) in the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.

"Mineral-bearing lands fall within the description of 'lands' in Entry 49," Chief Justice Chandrachud held. In the sole dissenting opinion on the Constitution Bench, Justice B.V. Nagarathna said the States' power to tax under Entry 49 of List II did not include "mineral-bearing lands". However, the Justice agreed with the majority on the Bench that royalty was not a tax.

The Centre had argued that Entry 50 in the State List had allowed the Parliament to impose "any limitations" on taxes on mineral rights through laws relating to mineral development, in this case, the MMDR Act. However, the Chief Justice responded in the judgment to the argument by noting that Entries 50 and 49 of the State List "deal with distinct subject matters and operate in different fields".

The limitations imposed by Parliament in a law like the MMDR Act, which related to mineral development, did not operate on or influence State taxation of mining lands under Entry 49 in the State List for the sole reason that "there is no specific stipulation in the Constitution to that effect".

"Entry 50 of List II does not constitute an exception... The power to tax mineral rights vests in the State Legislatures. The Parliament does not have the legislative competence to tax mineral rights, with Entry 54 of the Union List (Regulation of mines and minerals development declared by parliamentary law to be expedient in the public interest) being only a general entry. Power to tax mineral rights is enumerated in List II. The Parliament cannot use its residuary powers with respect to that subject matter," the Chief Justice.

Justice Nagarathna, however, agreed that the MMDR Act, especially the provision which allows the Centre to take "control of the regulation of mines and the development of minerals" on expediency in public interest, denuded or limited the scope of a State's right to tax.

She termed Entry 50 of the State List a "unique Entry" by which the taxing powers of a State legislature were subjected to limitations imposed by Parliament by law relating to mineral development.

I-T portal fixed; July 31 deadline likely to stay

"Even per-hour filings are now at an all-time high. So therefore, I think we can say with confidence that over the next six days, we should be able to take care of it. Most of the problems have been addressed and sorted out, and yesterday, there was no apparent reporting of any of these problems like downtime, and even today, there is no issue so far," he said late Thursday afternoon.

The I-T department has seen a substantial rise in number of transactions reported this year, Mr. Agarwal said, and some of the government officials in charge of issuing such deduction certificates were also occupied with election duty, delaying some issuances.

"Then there was a report of slowness on the website and people were finding it difficult. So now, some corrective measures have been taken in terms of ramping up the hardware, and also putting those solutions in place," the CBDT chief assured. "To process those statements and convert them into TDS certificates, was taking time. But we have been able to resolve that, and we are up to date on the issue of TDS certificates not being downloaded or not being made available," Mr. Agarwal said.

Manipur CM to meet Modi for first time since violence

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Manipur Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh is expected to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the first time since the ethnic violence between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities broke out in the State on May 3, 2023.

The Chief Minister, who left Imphal for New Delhi on Thursday, said some time with the Prime Minister could be carved out during two major events he is scheduled to attend. The first is a meeting of the NITI Aayog and the second is a conclave of the Chief Ministers. "The Prime Minister will chair the NITI Aayog meeting and the Chief Ministers' conclave will be in his presence. I will have the privilege to discuss the prevailing situation [in Manipur]. I will make a request seeking an immediate solution to the present crisis," he said.

More than 20 legislators of the National Democratic Alliance from Manipur had camped in New Delhi for a few days in June to seek an audience with the Mr. Modi.

The Opposition parties have been criticising Mr. Modi for not visiting Manipur even once in 14 months since the clashes broke out, leaving at least 220 people dead and more than 70,000 displaced.

Jaishankar pushes for urgency in resolving stand-off at LAC

In meeting with Wang, Jaishankar stresses significance of India and China as key economies of the world; both Ministers call for stronger guidance to officials to complete LAC disengagement

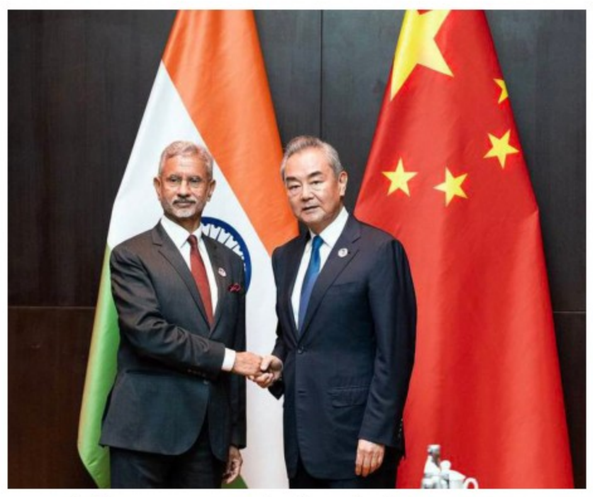
Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

For the second time this month, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi, with the two leaders highlighting the need to resolve the four-year-old military stand-off at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with "purpose and urgency".

The meeting was among the first few bilateral meetings the External Affairs Minister had after landing in Vientiane, Laos for a number of ASEAN-related meetings (July 25-27), and comes three weeks after the two Ministers held talks on the sidelines of the SCO Summit in Kazakhstan, in a signal that New Delhi and Beijing are fast-tracking their efforts to resolve the LAC issue.

"Their talks focused on finding an early resolution of the remaining issues along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) to stabilise and rebuild bilateral relations," the External Affairs Ministry said in a statement.

Stressing the "exceptional significance" of India and China as the "two most populous nations and among the two key economies of the world", Mr. Jaishankar said stable bilateral ties were necessary between them.



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Vientiane on Thursday. DR. S. JAISHANKAR-X

"Our ability to ensure that they are stable and forward-looking is essential both for the prospects of Asia and that of the multipolar world. There are also issues on which our interests converge," Mr. Jaishankar told Mr. Wang in preliminary comments before their talks.

Both sides decided that an "early meeting" of the Working Mechanism on Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) that includes External Affairs Ministry, border, and military officials would take discussions forward, the External Affairs Ministry said in its statement.

The two Ministers met for the fourth time in the past 12 months, and have been making a concerted push for complete disengagement of troops.

'Respect the LAC'

While the two sides had earlier achieved disengagement on several flashpoints from 2020-22, several rounds of WMCC and border commander talks have yielded no further breakthrough, which hinges on the PLA withdrawing from positions at the Demchok and Depsang sectors. In March, the WMCC grouping held its 29th meeting in Beijing.

Mr. Jaishankar said he hoped the meeting on Thursday would allow them to "give stronger guidance" to officials to complete the disengagement process which had "cast a shadow" over India-China ties.

He also said that both sides must ensure respect for the LAC and for past agreements, indicating that agreements from the 1990s on managing the boundaries are still relevant for India in resolving the military stand-off that began in April 2020, when the Chinese PLA transgressed along the LAC, leading to deadly clashes in Galwan.

The talks came amid speculation that the government is considering relaxing some of its restrictions on Chinese companies, fuelled by the Economic Survey released before the Budget this week that specifically favoured encouraging more Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from China.

On Thursday, the Chinese Embassy in Delhi also posted a video on its social media handles calling for India to take steps towards easing economic and business ties, citing falling FDI numbers, tourist footfall, as well as the lack of direct flights between the two countries.

Tri-services on threshold of major reforms: CDS

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Stating that the right lessons of the Kargil War must be reinforced, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan said on Thursday that the armed forces must be prepared to "shed obsolete practices and adopt new ones". He said the tri-services were on the threshold of major reforms, encompassing organisational, structural, conceptual, and cultural aspects.

"The underlying aim of these reforms is to improve fighting efficiency and keep the armed forces battle-ready at all times...The shape and contour of reforms must reflect the uniqueness of the Indian environment and challenges," General Chauhan said in a message on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Kargil conflict.

Stating that the supreme sacrifices made by the bravehearts during the Kargil conflict would not go in vain, the CDS said the actions would continue to inspire and motivate future generations of not only soldiers, but also the youth of the nation.

He said the lessons learnt by shedding blood must not be forgotten, the mistakes must not be repeated, and the right lessons must be reinforced.

Getting DNA report a tall order for widow of man killed in Russian war

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The widow of a 30-year-old man from Punjab, who was killed on the Russian war front, has been running from pillar to post to get a DNA report of her husband's mother, sought by the Russian authorities to identify and release the body.

Tejpal Singh of Amritsar was hired as a "security helper" by the Russian Army but was forced to fight alongside the country's soldiers on the Ukraine border. He last spoke with his wife, Parminder Kaur, 30, on March 3 and the family came to know about his death on June 9.

Ms. Kaur, mother of a six-year-old boy and three-year-old girl, told *The Hindu* that none of the authorities in Amritsar or the Indian Embassy in Moscow were cooperating and she had no idea how to get the DNA report. She said despite reports of assurances given by Russian President Vladimir Putin to Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding early discharge of Indians, the men were being sent to the frontlines.

Tejpal Singh

"After the embassy confirmed his death on June 9, I have written several times to them to arrange for the return of his body. Recently, we got an email from the Indian embassy in Moscow asking for a DNA report," Ms. Kaur said.

According to the email, "The Russian authorities have said that as the body of Tejpal Singh is not identified, DNA testing needs to be done. The Russian side has conveyed that DNA test of close relatives, preferably from mother, is to be done and report may be shared with the Russian side." Ms. Kaur said she has visited the local police station and government hospital and even a private clinic, but has not been able to get the test report.

"I am exhausted, no one is helping us. The Embassy told us that we need to stamp the email and attach the DNA report. They even got the date of birth of my late husband wrong in the official records. Instead of 2.10.1994, they have mentioned 12.10.1994 in all the correspondence. Our repeated requests to change the date has been of no avail," Ms. Kaur said.

A Ministry official said the embassy is in touch with the family and extending all help.

At least four Indians, including Singh, have so far been killed in the ongoing war while two others are said to be missing. *The Hindu* reported first on February 20 that Indians who travelled to Russia on tourist visas were offered jobs as security helpers but were forced to fight in the Russian military.

Panel will look into issues stalling Bill, NE tribal councils told

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Nityanand Rai

The Union government will form a committee headed by Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai to resolve the issues that have been holding up the Constitution (125th Amendment) Bill, 2019, intended to grant more financial, executive, and administrative powers to tribal autonomous councils under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

The assurance was made to the chiefs of 10 tribal autonomous councils in Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Tripura, during a meeting with Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday, multiple council chiefs said.

The chiefs of the 10 councils had been camping in New Delhi over the past week in a bid to present a united front to push for the amendments. They submitted a joint memorandum to Mr. Shah, asking that the Bill be passed as soon as possible.

"We have been assured that this committee will be formed within one month and that it will resolve all issues that have so far held back the passage of the Constitution (125th Amendment) Bill," Pramod Boro, chief executive member of the Bodoland Territorial Council, told *The Hindu*.

The development comes as the Khasi and Jaintia autonomous district councils are set to go to polls later this year and elections to the Bodoland Territorial Council are due next year.

Mr. Boro said before the meeting that unless the amendments to the Sixth Schedule were passed to grant more autonomy, the people of these regions would "always think we are isolated, neglected, and lagging behind". He added that the amendments were imperative to implement several of the terms agreed upon in the 2020 Bodo Peace Accord, which promised greater autonomy for the Bodo Territorial Region.

"All of us are satisfied with the outcome of the meeting. It was a historic moment that all 10 councils came together for this," Mr. Boro added, expressing confidence in the Union government's will to resolve the issues that have been raised.

HC notice to Assam govt., DGP in Cachar 'encounter'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Gauhati High Court has issued notice to the Assam government and the Director General of Police on a writ petition seeking an independent investigation into the alleged "extra-judicial execution" of three Hmar men in Cachar district last week.

On July 17, the Assam police identified the three Hmar men as "militants" and said they were first apprehended and then killed in an encounter. However, the families of the three men have alleged that it was a "staged encounter".

They approached the court with a petition seeking an independent probe into the incident.

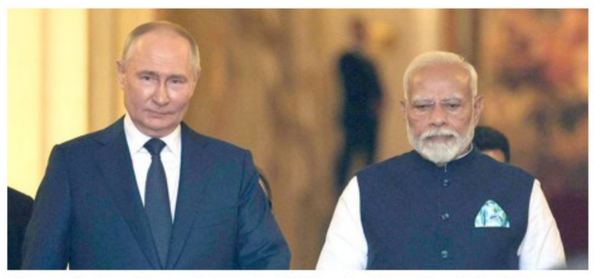
India rejects U.S. criticism of Modi's Russia visit

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Defending India's "freedom of choice" in foreign relations, the government on Thursday reacted sharply to a U.S. official who told the U.S. Congress that Washington was "disappointed" about the "symbolism and timing" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Moscow earlier this month.

The exchange of statements came just as External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar began a visit to Laos and Japan, where he is expected to interact with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken on the sidelines of the ASEAN and Quad meetings.

The U.S. official, Under Secretary of State for South and Central Asia Donald Lu, had referred to "tough conversations" that the U.S. government is having with Indian counterparts, indicating that the issue of India-Russia ties continues to impact ties between Delhi and Washington, despite efforts to smooth over the cracks, including during a call between National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and his U.S. counterpart Jake Sullivan.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Russian President Vladimir Putin during his visit to Moscow on July 9. AFP

"You must understand that India has a long-standing relationship with Russia that is based on the mutuality of interests," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in response to questions during the Ministry's weekly briefing.

"In a multipolar world, all countries have freedom of choice. It is essential for everybody to be mindful of and appreciate such realities," Mr. Jaiswal added.

In a congressional hearing on Budget Request for South and Central Asian Affairs, Mr. Lu was asked about Mr. Modi's embrace of President Vladimir Putin on the same day Russia launched missiles on Ukraine, including a children's hospital.

"I could not agree with you more about our disappointment about the symbolism and the timing of Prime Minister Modi's trip to Moscow. We are having those tough conversations with our Indian friends, I assure you," Mr. Lu told lawmakers at the joint subcommittee hearing.

Mr. Lu even sought to defend the visit, explaining that Mr. Modi had also met Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy a few weeks prior to travelling to Russia, and had spoken to Mr. Putin about the missile attacks, particularly on children in Ukraine. He also pointed out that there were no new major defence deals or major discussions on technology cooperation in the outcomes.

In addition, Mr. Lu made an unverified claim, stating that India had cancelled "billions of dollars in defence purchases over these last two-and-a-half years because the Russians can't deliver any more", and added that the U.S. was "working very hard on that".

"I share your concern about this visit, and we are trying very hard to communicate those concerns directly to the Indians," Mr. Lu said in response to questions from U.S. Representative Joe Wilson, who also expressed concern about Indian purchases of Russian energy, "the funding of which is going to kill Ukrainians".

When asked, the External Affairs Ministry spokesperson sidestepped Mr. Lu's assertion, but said that India-Russia joint statements released during Mr. Modi's visit included a special "thrust on economic aspects of the relationship", which indicated the future course of ties.

APPEAL

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Maintain dignity of House, says Birla after row over MP's speech

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Om Birla

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Thursday asked members to refrain from making remarks that would hurt the dignity of the House. His remark comes a day after a BJP MP and former judge in the Calcutta High Court, Abhijit Gangopadhyay, used objectionable words in an exchange with Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi.

The words were subsequently expunged, but Opposition MPs raised the issue when the Lok Sabha reconvened on Thursday.

The exchange occurred on Wednesday when Dilip Saikia, who was in the Chair, urged Mr. Gangopadhyay to conclude his speech during the debate on the Budget.

Mr. Gangopadhyay told the restive Opposition benches that he had not asked them to stay to hear him. Mr. Gogoi responded by asking Mr. Gangopadhyay his views on Nathuram Godse, the assassin of Mahatma Gandhi. Mr. Gogoi made the comment in an apparent reference to an interview of Mr. Gangopadhyay in which he had said that till he understood the motivation behind Godse's action in killing Mahatma Gandhi, he could not choose between the two. Mr. Gangopadhyay retorted with a pejorative reference to Mr. Gogoi (which was subsequently expunged) adding that Mr. Gogoi "knew neither about Gandhi nor Godse".

As soon as the Lok Sabha met on Thursday, some Opposition members sought to raise the issue, at which point Mr. Birla said there was a lot of respect for the House and Parliamentary tradition.

'Ensure respect'

"Members can express their views, participate in discussions but should also ensure the respect and dignity of the House," he said.

"Everyone should work towards increasing the dignity of the House and the member concerned has been cautioned against making such remarks in the future," he added.

Opposition highlights inflation, unemployment

Removal of indexation will lead to fall in investments in real estate, the parties say in Rajya Sabha demanding its restoration; members from T.N. allege 'unequal distribution' of allocation in Budget

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

War of words: Congress MP Randeep Singh Surjewala speaking in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday. PTI

The war of words between the Opposition and Treasury benches in the Rajya Sabha on the state of the economy – particularly inflation, unemployment and the condition of farmers – continued on the second day of the debate on the Union Budget.

Alleging corruption, the Opposition demanded that the Centre provide details of the beneficiaries of schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Fazal Bima Yojana and the PM Kisan Nidhi, which was resisted by the BJP members.

The Opposition members also questioned the decision to remove indexation benefit on sale of old property, and said it would lead to a fall in investments in the sector.

AAP MP Raghav Chadha said the removal of indexation benefit would create hurdles in people's plans to purchase their "dream homes". "Restore indexation on long-term capital gains. Throughout the world, to woo investors to invest they are incentivised. In this country, by removing indexation we are disincentivising the investor class," he said. "If you do not bring back indexation, three things will happen. First, investment in real estate will go down and people will never be able to buy their dream homes," he said, adding that there would be a huge inflow of black money if the Centre does not roll back the decision to withdraw indexation.

C.V. Shanmugham of the AIADMK demanded more Central allocation for Tamil Nadu's infrastructure, healthcare, social justice and education. "The government has mentioned 76 projects in Tamil Nadu, but most of them are pre-existing ones getting a facelift. Moreover, in the Budget, no help in flood mitigation was provided, despite the State being prone to cyclones. There is no mention of a linkage of Cauvery and Godavari in the Budget," he said.

M. Mohamed Abdulla of the DMK said Tamil Nadu expected support in the budgetary allocations, but received nothing. "The government is supposed to represent the people of the country as a whole. However, it is very unfortunate and unfair to see unequal distribution to the States, especially for the non-BJP ruled States such as Tamil Nadu, which provides the highest tax to the government," he said.

Congress general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala said the Budget is only an attempt to save the government. He said there was nothing for farmers, youth and the poor though the Budget speech started by saying that the government works for the three groups.

He asked Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to implement the C2 (production cost) plus 50% formula of fixing the minimum support price as suggested by M.S. Swaminathan Commission. His remarks that ₹3 lakh crore remained unspent under six major schemes of the Centre led to brief disruption of the proceedings as BJP members questioned the claim.

Commenting on senior AAP MP Sanjay Singh's remarks about the arrests of Opposition politicians, Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar said the executive cannot send anyone to jail without court approval.

INBRIEF

Opposition intent on abusing PM, not debating Budget: Rijiju

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Thursday accused the Opposition of being more intent on "abusing" Prime Minister Narendra Modi rather than making substantive points during the debate on the Budget. The manner in which some leaders made their speeches amounted to insulting the House and lowering the dignity of the Budget session, he said. His remarks came a day after the Opposition claimed that the Budget was "discriminatory" against non-NDA-ruled States. "They have insulted the mandate of the people," Mr. Rijiju said.

BJP MP highlights fall in tribal population in Jharkhand

BJP MP Nishikant Dubey on Thursday demanded that parts of Jharkhand, along with Murshidabad and Malda districts in West Bengal, and Kishanganj and Katihar in Bihar be declared a Union Territory to deal with the challenge posed by the increasing number of "illegal immigrants from Bangladesh" in the region, which, he said, has led to a significant reduction of tribal populations. Mr. Dubey raised the issue during Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha. His statement comes days after Union Minister Amit Shah's declaration that the BJP would publish a White Paper on Bangladeshi infiltration if voted to power in the upcoming Assembly poll.

Govt. sleeping at wheel: Cong. on 'fall' in garment exports

The Congress on Thursday attacked the Centre over Bangladesh and Vietnam reportedly overtaking India's garment exports in the past decade, alleging that the Centre was "sleeping at the wheel". Congress leader Jairam Ramesh shared a news report that cited Global Trade Research Initiative data to claim that India's garment exports in 2023-24 stood at $14.5 billion against $15 billion in 2013-14. "Vietnam's garment exports are more than double, and Bangladesh's more than three times that of India's," he said. "It is clearly and entirely a case of self-strangulation" he alleged. PTI

Cong. to launch campaign for implementing women's quota

The All India Mahila Congress will launch a nationwide campaign from Delhi on July 29, demanding immediate implementation of the women's reservation law, financial independence for women by providing them monthly cash assistance and steps to ensure safety and security of women. At a press conference on Thursday, Mahila Congress chief Alka Lamba said the campaign will be launched from Jantar Mantar and will reach every State, district, city and village until the demands of women are met and they are given their rights and security.

Speaker disqualifies two MLAs in Jharkhand

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

On the eve of the six-day Monsoon Session, the Jharkhand Assembly Speaker's Tribunal disqualified two MLAs under the anti-defection law with effect from Friday.

One MLA is from the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha and the other joined the Congress ahead of the election. They have been found guilty of defection under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution.

Speaker Rabindr Nath Mahato gave the verdict and disqualified them from the Assembly.

Both had unsuccessfully contested the Lok Sabha election.

Lok Sabha adjourned twice over verbal duel between Punjab leaders

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Charanjit Singh Channi

A spat between Congress MP and former Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi and Minister of State for Railways and Food Processing Industries Ravneet Singh Bittu led to a war of words between the Treasury and Opposition benches, disrupting the Lok Sabha on Thursday.

The House was adjourned twice during the afternoon session.

While taking part in the discussion on the Budget, Mr. Channi made a reference to the assassination of Mr. Bittu's grandfather, former Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh. Mr. Bittu countered by making certain personal remarks against senior Congress leaders. The specific comments were later expunged by the Speaker.

At this point, Congress MP Amrinder Singh Raja Warring tried to enter the Well of the House. He was, however, stopped by Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi. From the Treasury side, Mr. Bittu also tried to enter the Well, at which point BJP member Sandhya Ray, who was officiating as the Speaker, adjourned the proceedings for 30 minutes.

When the House reassembled, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh requested Speaker Om Birla to remove all unparliamentary references from the records.

Resuming his speech, Mr. Channi accused the Centre of not keeping its promises to farmers. Claiming that there was an "undeclared emergency" in the country, he listed as evidence the lack of progress in the Sidhu Moosewala murder case, actions taken against Opposition leaders by Central agencies, and the alleged mistreatment of farmers and women athletes.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal accused the MP of misleading the House. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju urged the Speaker to move a privilege motion against Mr. Channi. As the ruckus continued, the House was adjourned till 3 p.m.

Participating in the debate in the Lok Sabha, Trinamool Congress MP Saugata Roy said that Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was not a "trained economist" and had "no original ideas".

Hibi Eden, Congress MP, said that though Kerala was facing a financial crisis, the Union government has failed to announce any package for the State.

Modi govt. has usurped UGC's autonomy, says Kharge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday slammed the Narendra Modi government for interfering with the autonomy of the University Grants Commission (UGC) by "usurping" its power to sanction funds for higher education.

"UGC's functioning of 'Granting' funds has been usurped by Higher Education Financing Agency... This will not only compel colleges and universities to introduce more self-financing courses but also increase the financial woes of SC, ST, OBC and EWS students," the Congress chief said in a post on X.

A notable life of a scholar-economist of distinction and social conscience

V.K. Ramachandran

C.T. KURIEN (JULY 2, 1931-JULY 23, 2024)

Christopher Thomas Kurien, known as CTK to those whose lives and minds he touched, was one of South India's finest and most influential teachers of economics. CTK's entry into economics was inspired by the vision of the 'Tryst with Destiny' speech, and in particular Jawaharlal Nehru's exhortation that "the service of India means...the ending of poverty and ignorance and disease and inequality of opportunity". As he explained in a 2012 interview published in the newsletter of the World Economics Association, when he decided in his final high school year to take up the study of economics, it was in the hope "I would be able to understand the causes of poverty and contribute to its eradication."

It was this quest that spurred CTK's scholarly efforts for the next seven decades. Amartya Sen, reflecting on the general dissatisfaction with economics, once remarked that this was experienced in India with probably even better reason, "because in some ways, economic problems are more serious, more nasty in India than they were in many other parts of the world".

So it was with CTK. It was the 1950s and he was now a lecturer at the Madras Christian College, Tambaram. His restlessness over the "disjunction between theory and real-life issues" made him want to equip himself in economic theory. He decided to study for a Ph.D. and enrolled in the doctoral programme at Stanford University in 1958.

Stanford was then a special kind of hub of debate in the discipline of economics. There, CTK took the first major steps in what would be a lifelong endeavour: to test theory by confronting it with the economic problems of India. He set himself the task of testing the claims to universality of neoclassical economics by applying it to probe the literature on surplus labour. At the end of this endeavour, the scales had fallen from his eyes. What he wanted now was "a conceptualisation of the economy other than what neo-classical theory provided and what 'dual economy' models assuming subsistence wages implied was necessary for a proper understanding of the...problems of the Indian economy".

He had developed an alternative: he was able to show that "the distribution of non-labour resources was the essence of understanding India's economy and its problems". In teaching undergraduate courses, he maintained that three related questions were required to understand an economy: "Who owns what?", "Who does what?", and "Who gets what?"

And so, in the 1960s, back to the Madras Christian College, where CTK designed and taught a course titled Indian Economic Problems (IEP). I had the good fortune of being a student in CTK's IEP class in 1969-72. He was a demanding taskmaster and one of the first things his course did was to teach us to use economic theory to build a toolbox with which to examine and analyse specific problems of the Indian economy. He then helped us study a wide range of sectors of the economy – agriculture, livestock, industry, the informal sector, banking, major services, marketing and trade, Plan models, the public sector, and much more – using these conceptual tools.

The years from 1968 to 1978, his last decade at the Madras Christian College, were not only years of teaching but also of productive research and writing. In this period, CTK published, among other writings, *Indian Economic Crisis* (1968), *A Theoretical Approach to the Indian Economy* (1969), and, in 1978, his more widely known book of the period, *Poverty, Planning and Social Transformation* (the last book in the list being dedicated to "my teachers, many of them my students, who asked questions)."

In 1974, CTK proposed a rural employment guarantee scheme (in the form of a "land army") for India; the first person, as far as I know, to have done so. In 2021, on the occasion of CTK's 90th birthday, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, paying tribute to a "consistent supporter of policies that benefit the vast majority of people", drew particular attention to the fact that CTK had been an early advocate of a rural employment guarantee.

MIDS term

In 1978, CTK took the major decision to leave the Madras Christian College to become the founder Director of the Madras Institute of Development Studies. MIDS, which had been established by CTK's teacher Malcolm Adiseshiah some years earlier, had been made a National Institute of the Indian Council of Social Science Research. Under CTK's distinguished and democratic leadership, MIDS became the first and foremost Centre for the study of the Tamil Nadu economy. This concentration on regional economics was reflected also in the books CTK wrote over the period, including *Dynamics of Rural Transformation* (1979) and *Economic Change in Tamil Nadu* (with Josef James, 1979).

After he retired from the directorship of MIDS, CTK was a National Professor of the University Grants Commission and a National Fellow of the ICSSR. The books of his early retirement years, including *On Markets in Economic Theory and Policy* (1993) and *Rethinking Economics: Reflections Based on a Study of the Indian Economy* (1996), were the product of many years of thinking about India's economy. In his last two books, *Wealth and Illfare: An Expedition into Real Life Economics* (2012) and *Economics of Real-Life: A New Exposition* (2018), CTK sought to reconnect with the young, to reach out to new students of economics who were struggling, as he had done in the 1950s, with the "disjunction between theory and real-life issues".

Another feature of his retirement years was a new interest in writing book reviews, mainly in *Frontline* magazine. This was his way of keeping touch with current thinking, particularly in economics.

When CTK taught his Indian economy course, a question he asked when we began and ended was "What is the major problem of the Indian economy today?" And he was in no doubt about the answer. The world is a poorer place for the death of people like CTK, those who help us identify poverty and its social and economic characteristics and inspire us to come together to fight for a just society.

(V.K. Ramachandran, an economist, is Vice-Chairperson of the Kerala State Planning Board. A longer text of this article can be read at www.thehindu.com.)

INBRIEF

Doval, Rajnath pay tribute to departed Vietnamese leader

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval represented India at the state funeral of Nguyen Phu Trong, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, in Hanoi on Thursday. In New Delhi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited the Vietnamese Embassy to pay tributes on behalf of the government and people of India. Trong, 80, passed away on July 19 at the 108 Central Military hospital due to old age and serious illness, according to local media. Mr. Singh extended condolences to Ambassador of Vietnam Nguyen Thanh Hai, the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

CUET-UG: final answer keys released, result to be out soon

The National Testing Agency (NTA) released the final answer keys of the Common University Entrance Test (CUET)-UG on Thursday, paving the way for declaring the delayed results for the undergraduate admission exam. The NTA had on July 7 released the provisional answer keys of the CUET-UG. A retest for over 1,000 candidates whose grievances were found genuine by the agency was conducted on July 19. "The final answer key has been released and the result will be declared soon," a senior agency official said. The delay in the CUET-UG results comes amid a row over alleged irregularities in competitive exams, including in NEET-UG and UGC-NET. PTI

Centre took long to realise its 'mistake' on RSS-govt. ban: HC

The Madhya Pradesh High Court on Thursday said it had taken the Union government "five decades to realise its mistake" in banning government employees from joining the "internationally renowned" Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). "It took almost five decades for the Central government to realise its mistake; to acknowledge that an internationally renowned organisation like RSS was wrongly placed amongst the banned organisations of the country...," said the High Court, while disposing of the writ petition of Purushottam Gupta, a retired Central government employee who had approached the court in September 2023 against the ban.

Shekhar Kapur appointed IFFI film festival director

Veteran filmmaker Shekhar Kapur, known for films such as *Mr. India*, *Bandit Queen* and *Elizabeth*, has been appointed festival director for the International Film Festival of India (IFFI). Mr. Kapur will head the festival, held annually in Goa, for the 55th and 56th editions, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting said in a notification. "It's an honour. It's a commitment. It's a responsibility. Thank you for considering me worthy of your trust," he posted on X, tagging the Ministry. Mr. Kapur, 78, is an influential name in Indian cinema and one of the earliest directors to establish a name for himself in Hollywood. PTI

CBI continues its probe in NEET paper leak case

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

The Central Bureau of Investigation team probing the NEET-UG paper leak case has been camping at Hazaribagh in Jharkhand for the past two days to collect more evidence. On Thursday, the team along with three suspects visited a few places in the area.

Sources said Pankaj Kumar alias Aditya, a resident of Bokaro and a civil engineer, arrested on charges of stealing the NEET-UG paper from National Testing Agency's trunk in Hazaribagh, and Raju Singh, who helped him in the theft, were present with the team along with one member of the so-called "solver gang".

The CBI team has been investigating two suspected locations in Hazaribagh – Oasis School and Raj Guest House. The Central agency has arrested the principal of Oasis School, Ahsanul Haque, and vice-principal Imtiaz Alam.

On July 16, the CBI had sealed Raj Guest House when Kumar and Singh were arrested. On Thursday, the CBI team entered the premises after opening the seal.

Before leaving, the CBI once again sealed the guest house.

Heavy rain leaves six dead, 12 injured across Maharashtra

Three feared trapped after landslip in Lavasa; CM says ready to airlift people in Pune as downpour claims four lives; since May, 94 people died from monsoon-related incidents across the State

Purnima Sah
MUMBAI

Incessant rain wreaked havoc in several parts of Maharashtra on Thursday, leaving at least six persons dead and 12 injured, and inundating houses in low-lying areas. Three persons are feared trapped after a landslip in Lavasa, as officials evacuated hundreds of people to safety zones across the State.

As per the State Disaster Situation report, two persons were killed in a lightning strike in Chandrapur, three died from electrocution in Pune's Deccan Gymkhana area, and one died after a landslip in Pune's Maval tehsil. According to Pune district administration authorities, the Maval landslip victim was a restaurant staffer.

From May 15 to July 25, at least 94 people died in different parts of Maharashtra due to monsoon-related incidents such as lightning strikes, landslip, tree falls, and building collapses.

Across the State, four persons are missing and 145 have been injured. Around 241 people have been evacuated and at least 306 animals are dead.

Monsoon mayhem: Officials and volunteers at a waterlogged area during a rescue operation amid heavy rain in Pune on Thursday. PTI

In Pune, the fire and rescue personnel rescued and moved nearly 160 people marooned in houses and buildings in low-lying areas to safety zones, with over 200 personnel deployed in these operations. Authorities said they had responded to 16 incidents where water had flooded residential and commercial buildings since Wednesday midnight.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said if the need arises, rain-hit people will be airlifted in Pune, where the incessant downpour claimed four lives and inundated residential colonies and houses in low-lying areas on Thursday. Mr. Shinde said he has spoken to the Pune Collector and civic officials and authorities of its neighbouring Pimpri Chinchwad, an industrial township. He has also spoken to Army and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) officials to seek their help in the evacuation.

In Mumbai, flight operations saw significant disruptions at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport. Due to adverse weather, runway operations were halted from 8.32 a.m. to 8.43 a.m., and then again from 10.36 a.m. to 10.55 a.m. Airlines issued travel advisories while Air India announced full refund or a one-time complimentary rescheduling for bookings confirmed for travel on Thursday.

2 arrested for supporting terrorists in Kathua attack

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday claimed a breakthrough in the Kathua terrorist attack that left five soldiers dead on July 8, with the arrest of two residents who allegedly provided support to the attackers.

A police spokesperson said the names of the two persons emerged during "a meticulous investigation". The police described them as "overground workers" of the terrorists. They were identified as Layaqat Ali, alias Pawu, and Mool Raj, alias Jenju, both residents of Kathua district.

Five Army personnel were killed and five injured when terrorists ambushed an Army convoy in Badnota area of Kathua.

The police said the arrest of the duo was a "significant breakthrough" in the ongoing efforts to counter terrorist activities.

The police said the two were also found "to have purposefully withheld crucial information by not disclosing it to police in time". "Both individuals deliberately chose not to disclose vital information to the police, thereby obstructing efforts to prevent terrorist actions," the spokesperson said.

Minister launches revamped Model Skill Loan Scheme

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

Skill Development Minister Jayant Chaudhary launched the revamped Model Skill Loan Scheme on Thursday, two days after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced hiking the eligible size of loans for high-end skilling courses under the scheme to ₹7.5 lakh from ₹1.5 lakh.

Low fund uptake

The earlier Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Skill Development, notified in November 2015 to create a credit guarantee fund for courses aligned to the National Skills Qualification Framework, faced multiple challenges. As on March 31, loans amounting to ₹115.75 crore had been extended to just 10,077 borrowers.

Skill Development Ministry officials said the low fund utilisation over the past decade under the scheme was due to low ticket size of loans (up to ₹1.5 lakh), even as course costs and fees rose due to inflation, leaving many high-cost courses out of the scheme.

"Only member lending institutes of the Indian Banking Association (IBA) were allowed to lend earlier, and there was low uptake by both private and public sector banks due to their limited reach," a Ministry official added.

Under the new scheme, the lending network has been broadened from only IBA banks to include Non Banking Financial Companies and small finance banks, with access to more skill courses and higher loan limits.

Two halls in Rashtrapati Bhavan get names reflecting republican ethos

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu has renamed two important halls at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, with the Durbar Hall now set to be called Ganatantra Mandap – which translates to Republic Hall – and Ashok Hall to be called Ashok Mandap.

The Durbar Hall is the venue of key ceremonies and celebrations such as the presentation of national awards.

"The term 'Durbar' refers to courts and assemblies of Indian rulers and the British. It lost relevance after India became a Republic, that is 'Ganatantra'. The concept of 'Ganatantra' is deeply rooted in Indian society since the ancient times, making 'Ganatantra Mandap' an apt name for the venue," said a Rashtrapati Bhavan statement.

Great heritage: A view of the Rashtrapati Bhavan's famous Durbar Hall (left) and Ashok Hall, which have been renamed as 'Ganatantra Mandap' and 'Ashok Mandap' respectively. PTI

Commenting on the move, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said: "There is no concept of 'Durbar', but that of 'Shahenshah'." Ms. Vadra has previously targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi by referring to him as a Shahenshah, which translates to 'king of kings', and it has been used as a title by emperors.

Removed anglicisation

The Rashtrapati Bhavan statement noted that Ashok Hall was originally a ballroom. "The word 'Ashok' connotes someone who is 'free from all sufferings' or is 'bereft of any sorrow'. Also, 'Ashoka' refers to Emperor Ashok, a symbol of unity and peaceful co-existence. The National Emblem of the Republic of India is the lion capital of Ashok from Sarnath.," it said.

Renaming both the halls will bring uniformity in language and remove traces of anglicisation while still upholding the key values associated with the word 'Ashok', it added.

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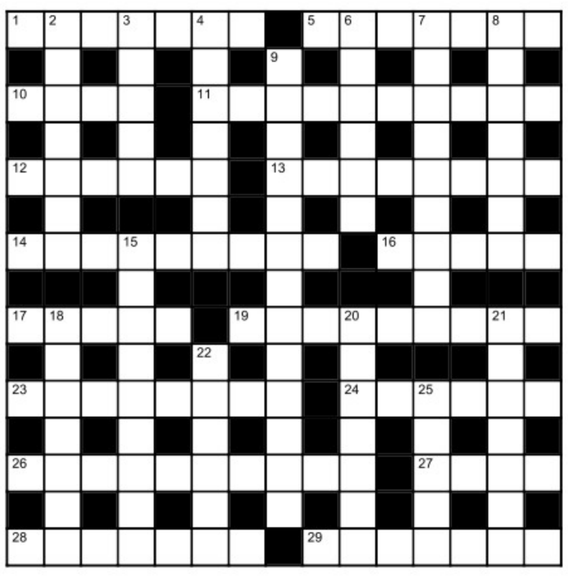

Across

1 Fancy vehicle studded with diamonds to welcome prince (7)
5 Conference of banks in Seattle Tower (7)
10 Worry about featuring in British daily (4)
11 Pirate spoils pauper, according to Spooner (10)
12 Vegetables in skimmed curd fed to deities (6)
13 Perhaps, Avtaar can mean 'Reincarnated'? (8)
14 Doctor is late - heard you are heading out, having nothing to do (2,7)
16 Bar acquired by chief in expanding East Tamil Nadu town (5)
17 Completely pointless, insincere greeting (5)
19 Couple rents jewellery (9)
23 Case of lieutenant avoiding casual relaxation leading to lack of appetite (8)
24 A sign describing Presidential couple, pointing to Middle Eastern City (6)
26 4th of April - soldiers taking part in professional test (10)
27 They are charged by current applied to terminal in series (4)
28 Poem about climax of journey by ship, ending in victory (7)
29 Intricate paperwork? (7)

Down

2 Where one lands in state carriage (7)
3 It goes round and round, to and fro, from Cairo to Rabat (5)
4 Group of artists start to sculpt, slicing copper fragments (7)
6 A clean, scrubbed cover with a mesh (6)
7 Cool blue-green aluminium, basically (2,7)
8 Won over by a journalist, judge cancelled a bequest (7)
9 The Reverend released pressure on crooked realtor, eventually (6,2,5)
15 Suppliers of big shots? (9)
18 A note with demand covering location of treasure is seized (7)
20 Piano removed from stage, replaced by nationalist who recites in a singing manner (7)
21 Maybe Egyptian mummy, no potentate holds up ? (7)
22 Old cloak inset with unknown animal's skin (6)
25 Drug lord is managing with difficulty (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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1	3	5	8	7	6	2	9	4
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FAITH

Lord Siva blesses child

Lord Siva is ever present to help His devotees. He is the boatman who journeys with the devotee and helps him cross the stream of life. He also delivers all that a true devotee seeks, said Va Ve Su in a discourse on the history of Thirugnanasambandar's gnana pal. Hailed as Isvarakoti (divine messenger), Thirugnanasambandar was born to Sivapadahrudayar and Bhagavathiyar. The father, a staunch devotee of Siva, who lived during a time of religious strife, undertook a penance for a child. He did not pray for a healthy, strong child. Instead he prayed for a son who would ensure that Saivism and Vedantism might flourish and "that the southern region might surpass the glory of all other regions and progress further." The child would whimper like a lost soul often, but was raised well. At three years, when Sivapadahrudayar was stepping out to carry out his daily rituals at the temple tank, the child refused to let him go, until the father had no choice but to take him along.

Leaving the child on the steps to the tank, the father immersed himself in the water. Not seeing his father for long the child began to weep, remembering his association with Lord Siva in Kailasam. Siva instructed His divine consort Umaiyal to give the child in a gold cup, a feed of the milk which gushed from Her breast.

INBRIEF

BMW Group India unveils 4 new products including 2 EVs

BMW Group India has introduced four products to build its electric mobility and premium luxury car portfolio. These include the 8th generation all-new BMW 5 Series Long Wheelbase at ₹72.90 lakh (ex-showroom), the latest version of MINI Cooper S at ₹44.90 lakh (ex-showroom), the all-electric MINI Countryman starting at ₹54.90 lakh (ex-showroom), and BMW CE 04 - India's first premium electric scooter by BMW Motorrad India - from ₹14.90 lakh (ex-showroom).

Laurus Labs Q1 net slumps to ₹13 crore on lower revenue

Drugmaker Laurus Labs reported consolidated net profit for the quarter ended June declined almost 53% year on year to ₹12.68 crore on lower revenue from business segments barring API. Total income rose 1% to ₹1,197.42 crore. "Q1 results are on expected lines, supported from strong growth in Oncology API and firm demand in ARV offset by slightly subdued performance in other divisions," founder and CEO Satyanarayana Chava said in a release.

U.S. FDA issues 2 observations for Gland Pharma facility

Gland Pharma's facility in Dundigal, near Hyderabad, has been issued a Form 483 with two observations on conclusion of a surprise inspection by the United States Food and Drug Administration (U.S. FDA). These are procedural in nature and neither repeat observations nor related to data integrity, the company said. The inspection of the facility for Good Manufacturing Practices was conducted between July 22 and July 25, the company said in a filing on Thursday.

'Focus is on raising the employment intensity of growth'

Finance Secretary says Budget includes a direct thrust for job creation rather than an indirect one; the focus is on aiding first-time job seekers

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Fiscal incentives: The aim is to help first-timers break the Catch-22 of 'no experience, no jobs', says T.V. Somanathan. FILE PHOTO

Employment has always been an important element of recent Budgets, but the difference in Budget 2024-25 is a direct thrust for job creation rather than an indirect one through economic growth, with the focus being on helping first-time job seekers break the Catch-22 quandary of 'no experience, no jobs' in the labour market, Finance Secretary T.V. Somanathan asserted on Thursday.

"The growth thrust continues and the attempt this time is to increase the employment intensity of that growth. I would see it as an economic imperative, not a political imperative... India needs employment intensity growth which is a factor of what technologies you use and which industries grow faster," Mr. Somanathan told *The Hindu*.

'A nudge'

"We do believe that fiscal incentives have a role at the margin, in what kinds of technological choices are made and what kind of hiring choices are made," he said, adding that economic theory and empirical international evidence indicate that such incentives generally work as an encouragement or 'nudge'.

"How much they work and how fast is a different matter. For instance, industry constantly asks for fiscal incentives on research and development, or to buy plant and equipment. Now, what we are saying is, if you do more employment, you will get more fiscal benefits... We are hopeful that this will increase the rate at which employment grows for a given level of GDP growth," the Finance Secretary said.

This does not mean a high-tech industry will suddenly become labour-intensive because of fiscal incentives or a labour-intensive sector will mechanise more in their absence, he explained.

"But at the margin, every industry has choices to make on further automation, or lesser automation, and fiscal incentives matter there," Mr. Somanathan pointed out.

The attempt through the employment-linked scheme of incentives announced in this Budget, is to make it easier for firms to hire those who don't have any previous experience, the Finance Secretary underlined.

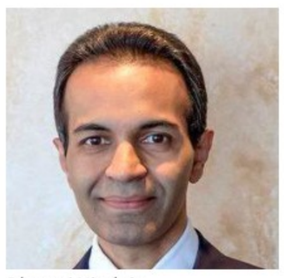
'Breaking barriers'

"There is an entry barrier for somebody who doesn't have experience and we are trying to help penetrate that barrier through a fiscal incentive, so that the period for which a new entrant is perhaps on a learning curve and less productive, we subsidise that and make it more attractive for companies to hire such first timers," he said.

"So there's a definite thrust on first-timers breaking into the employment market, overcoming that barrier, and thereby widening the pool of people who are selected," Mr. Somanathan observed.

'Ashok Leyland logs record Q1 revenue'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI


Dheeraj Hinduja

Ashok Leyland Ltd. reported the 'highest-ever' Q1 FY25 commercial-vehicle volume resulting in a 'record' revenue, EBITDA margins and profit before tax, a top official said.

"Q1 industry volumes were at comparable levels of the previous peak of Q1 FY19," Executive Chairman Dheeraj Hinduja said.

"You will be seeing a host of new product launches this year. It will help strengthen market and price position."

"In Q1 FY24, we had to restate deferred tax liability from 35% to 25%. This meant we had a one-time gain of ₹172 crore in deferred tax liability."

"If we take that effect away from Q1 FY25 results, it would have resulted in a 30% growth in Q1 FY25 PAT of ₹526 crore," he added.

Revenue from operations increased by 5% to ₹8,561 crore.

TechM reports 23% rise in Q1 net profit

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Tech Mahindra's Q1 FY25 net profit rose 23% to ₹851.5 crore from ₹692.5 crore in the year-earlier period. But revenue declined 1.2% to ₹13,006 crore compared with ₹13,159 crore.

The tech firm saw a 28% sequential rise in net profit and a 1% rise in revenue.

Mohit Joshi, CEO and MD, Tech Mahindra said, "It is encouraging to see positive momentum in most industry verticals, which has led to revenue growth and margin expansion in an otherwise seasonally weak quarter. We continue to focus on execution and are on track to achieve our stated goals for FY27," he said.

"Q1 results are a positive start for the current turnaround year and for our medium-term strategy. As we mentioned in our strategic priorities, our focus continues to be on investing in the business for long-term sustainable performance," said Rohit Anand, CFO, Tech Mahindra.

About employees, the firm reported a low attrition of 10.1% in the past ten months, down 270 basis points sequentially.

Total utilisation, including trainees improved to 86.1% in the Q1, the firm said.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	80,040	-0.14
US Dollar	83.78	-0.08
Gold	70,650	-1.39
Brent oil	81.98	0.01

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2973.50	2.80
Adani Ports	1487.00	2.20
Apollo Hosp	6385.80	-36.80
Asian Paints	2901.40	-11.40
Axis Bank	1175.90	-63.35
Bajaj Auto	9278.25	18.05
Bajaj Finserv	1571.95	-7.30
Bajaj Finance	6647.75	40.60
Bharti Airtel	1449.15	-6.05
BPCL	326.15	11.20
Britannia Ind	5829.60	0.10
Cipla	1500.05	-3.45
Coal India	494.00	0.20
Divis Lab	4547.00	-4.60
Dr Reddys Lab	6853.20	33.05
Eicher Motors	4900.65	-14.70
Grasim Ind	2797.55	-9.35
HCL Tech	1587.60	3.90
HDFC Bank	1616.60	12.55
HDFC Life	683.15	10.35
Hero MotoCorp	5403.20	-14.55
Hindalco	646.55	-5.05
Hind Unilever	2707.20	-9.85
ICICI Bank	1197.90	-25.10
IndusInd Bank	1379.10	-17.55
Infosys	1824.85	-9.10
ITC	489.95	-4.10
JSW Steel	874.50	-6.85
Kotak Bank	1775.15	28.95
L&T	3619.15	99.70
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5597.90	-67.25
M&M	2811.40	5.90
Maurti Suzuki	12509.20	21.95
NestleIndia	2480.65	-60.75
NTPC	392.15	-0.45
ONGC	335.80	16.25
PowerGrid Corp	339.45	2.30
Reliance Ind	2984.80	-6.60
SBI Life	1695.40	62.45
State Bank	848.50	-3.50
Shriram Finance Ltd.	2679.00	-45.25
Sun Pharma	1665.80	46.35
TataConsumerProduct	1223.60	-7.65
Tata Motors	1090.95	63.25
Tata Steel	157.39	-2.92
TCS	4322.50	16.25
Tech Mahindra	1530.00	-3.30
Titan	3405.80	-72.60
UltraTech Cement	11441.50	-11.90
Wipro	506.85	6.75

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 25

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.50	83.82
Euro	90.57	90.92
British Pound	107.48	107.90
Japanese Yen (100)	54.71	54.93
Chinese Yuan	11.57	11.61
Swiss Franc	95.04	95.41
Singapore Dollar	62.19	62.44
Canadian Dollar	60.30	60.56
Malaysian Ringitt	17.91	17.99
Australian Dollar	54.45	54.66

Source:Indian Bank

CG Power to acquire 55% stake in G.G. Tronics

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

CG Power & Industrial Solutions Ltd. (CG Power) has entered into an agreement to acquire 55% stake in Bengaluru-based G.G. Tronics India Pvt. Ltd. (GGT), for ₹319.38 crore.

This acquisition aligns with CG's strategy to expand its rail products portfolio by diversifying into related or adjacent areas poised for growth, said the Murugappa group firm in a statement.

Established in 2003, GGT specialises in design, manufacture, supply and installation of electronic safety embedded signalling systems for the rail transport segment.

Apollo Tyres plans to become net zero by 2050, says chairman

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Onkar Kanwar

Apollo Tyres Ltd. has set an "ambitious" goal to become net zero by 2050, said Chairman Onkar Kanwar. "We are aiming to be net zero by 2050, use more sustainable materials, and cut back on emissions," he said, addressing shareholders at the 51st Annual General Meeting.

"It's a big challenge, but we are committed. And we are working with experts to make sure that the company is on the right track," he said. "Importantly, this is just not good for the planet, it is good for our business," Mr. Kanwar added.

"By being sustainable, we are building a stronger future for all of us," he said.

Mr. Kanwar said the firm deeply valued sustainable growth and strived to ensure that Apollo Tyres' progress was not just immediate, but also enduring.

The initiatives reflected the company's dedication to maintaining a healthy balance between growth and profitability, the chairman added.

Ramco Cements Q1 net halves as prices slide 8%

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Ramco Cements Ltd. reported standalone net profit for the June quarter slid 55% from the year-earlier period to ₹36 crore.

Revenue from operations decreased by 7% to ₹2,088 crore as cement prices dipped by 8%. Sales rose 1% to 4.36 million tonne on account of tepid demand amid general elections. Capacity utilisation stood at 77%, the firm said.

Input cost rose 9% to ₹990 a tonne on inflationary impact in procurement cost. The firm decided to monetise non-core assets worth ₹1,000 crore in the next 12 months to meet expansion costs.

Adani Green Energy Q1 net rises 95% to ₹629 crore

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Adani Green Energy on Thursday posted a nearly 95% rise in consolidated net profit to ₹629 crore for the June quarter, on the back of higher revenues.

The company reported ₹323 crore consolidated net profit for the quarter ended on June 30, a BSE filing showed.

Total income rose to ₹3,122 crore in the quarter from ₹2,550 crore in the same period a year ago.

The energy sales increased 22% to 7,356 million units from 6,023 MU in the year-earlier period.

India drone tech sector set to soar, says Reliance firm Asteria

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Neel Mehta

Asteria Aerospace, a full-stack drone technology firm, said India's drone tech sector has been growing at 40% CAGR in the last three years and in future, it was set to soar higher with the government liberalising the space and enterprises increasingly finding drone applications in newer industry verticals.

With the government liberating drone operations, the technology has been finding a wide variety of applications in the civilian market, Neel Mehta, Director & Co-Founder of Asteria Aerospace.

''Industries such as GIS (Geographic Information System), construction, oil and gas, agriculture, infrastructure etc. are increasingly embracing drone tech and capturing aerial data for actionable intelligence and decision making," he explained.

Reliance Industries invested ₹120 crore in 2019 to pick up 75% equity in Asteria Aerospace. The firm currently has a drone deployment base of 650 and holds 42 patents.

Surveying, mapping

Some of the drones carry out surveying and mapping to generate digital surface and terrain models for topography and land use analysis while certain drones are deployed in crop health assessment and digitisation of farm boundaries.

"Customers are seeing huge time and cost reduction with drone deployments. In terms of crop-health assessment, we are able to deliver in plant stand counting with a 95% accuracy," he added.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PWD DN RAJSAMAND

No.762 Date: 19-07-2024

NOTICE INVITING BID NO. 09/2024-25
NIB CODE : PWD2425A0811

Bids for Road Work are invited from interested bidders upto 12.08.2024, **06:00 P.M.** Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal ("http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state, The approximate value of procurement is Rs. 468.38 Lacs.

UNB No. **PWD2425WSOB03087** **PWD2425WSOB03088**

(H.L.SALVI)
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DIPR/C/6417/2024

Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation
Health Section

H5/7901/2020 Date: 25.07.2024

Expression of Interest

Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation invites EOI from competent and experienced agencies for providing suitable technology and model of operation for a rendering plant. Interested agencies may submit their applications on or before 03/08/2024 4pm. The details of which can be obtained from the official website **https://tmc.lsgkerala.gov.in**

sd/- Secretary

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND NEURO SCIENCES, (Institute of National Importance) **BANGALORE 560029** (ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT) Ph:080-26995215

Ref. No: NIMH/ENG/GEM/2024/B/5192088/2024-25 Date: 22.07.2024

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Request for Proposal is invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Director, NIMHANS, Bangalore for Selection of design and project implementation consultancy for Establishment of Museum of the Brain and Mind at NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND NEUROSCIENCES (NIMHANS), Bengaluru.

Detailed scope of work along with terms and conditions of RFP can be downloaded from the Gem portal website **https://gem.gov.in/.** BID Number: **GEM/2024/B/5192088**. The Pre bid meeting will be held on **31.07.2024** at **11:00 AM** at the Director's office of NIMHANS. The last date for uploading of bid is **13.08.2024**, upto **5:00 PM**.

***Sd/-*, Head of Engg. Section,**
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242523 001431	Procurement of Chemical Filtration Units.	12.08.24
242523 001421	Water Retention Agent for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit-II.	12.08.24
242523 001422	CPAM (Powder / Liquid) fro Board Machine of TNPL Unit-II.	12.08.24
242523 001424	Lubricant for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit-II.	13.08.24
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An Autonomous Institute Under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GoI

No. RC/NF-D2/2024/74 **Dated: 23.07.2024**

Sr. Accounts Officer Post

The Director, AIIMS Raipur invites applications in the prescribed proforma from the Indian nationals working in various Government departments/ organisations for the post of **Senior Accounts Officer [Group 'A', Level-11] on deputation basis.** The detailed essential qualification, experience and terms and other conditions, last date of application, all subsequent notices / notifications, amendments, corrigendum etc. related to this advertisement, will be published only on the website : **www.aiimsraipur.edu.in**

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CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
6th, 7th, & 8th Floor, Tower-B, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029

Petition No. 215/TL/2024 **Dated: 24.7.2024**

NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003

An application under Section 14 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (the Act) has been made by POWERGRID Ramgarh Transmission Limited, B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi - 110016, for the amendment of the existing RTM transmission licence granted to POWERGRID Ramgarh Transmission Limited, for the "Implementation of 1 no. of 220 kV line bay at 400/220 kV Fatehgarh-III PS (Sec-1) for interconnection of BESS of JSW Renew Energy Five Ltd." on the Regulated Tariff Mechanism (RTM) mode (hereinafter referred to as the 'transmission scheme'). The scope of the project for which the existing RTM transmission licence is being amended is as under:

Implementation of 1 no. of 220 kV line bay at 400/220 kV Fatehgarh-III PS (Sec- 1) for interconnection of BESS of JSW Renew Energy Five Ltd.

S. No.	Scope of the Transmission Scheme	Capacity/km	Implementation timeframe
1.	1 no. of 220 kV line bay at 400/220 kV Fatehgarh-III PS (Sec1) for interconnection of JSW Renew Energy Five Ltd. BESS Project (Connectivity App No. 0212100040- 250 MW)	220 kV line bay - 1 no.	30.6.2025
	Total Estimated Cost:		**Rs 5.94 crore**

2. The Central Transmission Utility of India Limited vide its letter dated 29.5.2024 has recommended for the grant of a transmission licence to the applicant to establish the proposed transmission system.

3. Based on the material available on the record, the Commission vide order dated 24.7.2024 in Petition No. 215/TL/2024, has proposed to issue a transmission licence to the applicant for establishment of the transmission scheme as noted in para 1 above.

4. A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by the applicant for the grant of an inter-State transmission licence to POWERGRID Ramgarh Transmission Limited before the Commission can be accessed at the website **www.powergrid.in/subsidiaries** or inspected by any person in the Commission's office by following the laid down procedure.

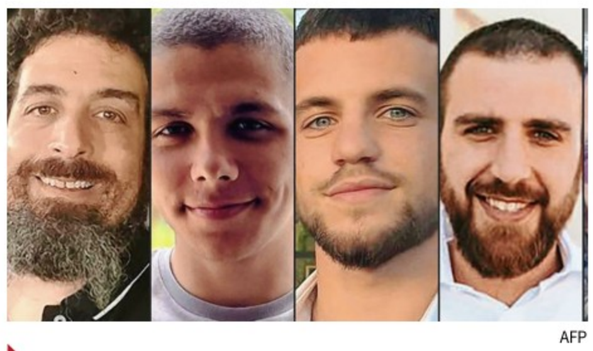
5. Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act that suggestions or objections, if any, to the Commission's proposal to grant a transmission licence to the applicant, as aforesaid, be sent to the undersigned by **6.8.2024** at the above noted address. The suggestions or objections received after the specified date shall not be considered.

6. The application shall be taken up for the further hearing by the Commission on **8.8.2024.** Any person who files suggestions or objections may in his/her discretion attend the hearing, for which no TA/DA shall be paid by the Commission.

Sd/-
(Harpreet Singh Pruthi)
Secretary

JERUSALEM

Bodies of 5 Israelis killed on Oct. 7 recovered from Gaza, says Army



AFP

Israeli forces retrieved the remains of five Israelis who were killed during Hamas's October 7 attack on southern Israel, the military said on Thursday. It said the five had previously been announced dead and the bodies taken to the Gaza Strip had been returned to Israel following a rescue operation. AFP

KENCHO SHACHA GOZDI

Death toll from Ethiopia landslip hits 257, could reach 500, says UN

AFP

The death toll from landslips in a remote region of southern Ethiopia has risen to 257, the United Nations said on Thursday, warning that the number of victims could soar to up to 500. Rescuers continue to press on with the grim search for bodies and survivors in the stricken locality of Kencho Shacha Gozdi. AFP

MOSCOW

Putin vows 'retribution' against those trying to 'divide' Russia

AP

Russian President Vladimir Putin vowed on Thursday to crush anybody who tries to divide Russian society. Mr. Putin has recently escalated crackdown on civil society, media and Opposition, with dissent and criticism of the Kremlin outlawed and punishable by years-long prison sentences. AFP

FRANKFURT

More than 100 flights cancelled in Germany due to climate protests

AP

The Frankfurt airport, Germany's busiest, cancelled more than 100 flights on Thursday as environmental activists launched a coordinated effort to disrupt air travel across Europe. Activists said they planned to target airports around Europe to remind people about the link between fossil fuels and climate change. AP

In U.S., Netanyahu calls for global alliance against Iran

The U.S. and Israel must stand together, said the Prime Minister in his address to a joint session of Congress, adding that Iran was the 'axis of terror' behind almost all sectarian killings in West Asia

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Show of support: Benjamin Netanyahu speaks to a joint meeting of Congress at the Capitol on Wednesday, in Washington DC. AFP

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu slammed Gaza ceasefire demonstrators on Wednesday and called for a global alliance against the Iranian regime he accuses of funding them, as he addressed a U.S. Congress divided by the war.

Washington has become increasingly alarmed by the humanitarian toll of Israel's nine-month campaign in the narrow coastal territory, and protests in Israel and the U.S. have been ratcheting up pressure on Mr. Netanyahu.

The Prime Minister hit back at his critics in a speech at the United States Capitol, accusing Tehran of funding and promoting U.S.-based anti-Israel protest – and called Gaza peace activists "Iran's useful idiots".

"America and Israel today can forge a security alliance in the West Asia to counter the growing Iranian threat," he told lawmakers as demonstrators burned his effigy in the streets beyond the historic Capitol complex.

"All countries that are in peace with Israel, and all those countries who will make peace with Israel, should be invited to join this alliance."

Iran, he said, was the "axis of terror" behind almost all sectarian killing in the West Asia. He argued that the United States and Israel "must stand together" against Tehran and its proxies.

"Our enemies are your enemies. Our fight is your fight. And our victory will be your victory," Mr. Netanyahu said to a standing ovation in the House chamber.

Deep divisions

But Americans are deeply divided over Israel's actions in Gaza as the death toll climbs, and the demonstration outside the Capitol swelled to thousands ahead of Mr. Netanyahu's appearance.

Activists were kept at least a block away by police who fired pepper spray, and they eventually dispersed.

Inside the House of Representatives – one-half of the main Capitol building – six protesters were arrested before Mr. Netanyahu began.

Rashida Tlaib, the only Palestinian-American lawmaker, waved signs from the floor calling Mr. Netanyahu a "war criminal" and accusing him of genocide.

The Israeli leader's visit came in the wake of a gunman targeting Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, and President Joe Biden bowing out of the election and endorsing his deputy, Kamala Harris.

Mr. Netanyahu singled out both Mr. Biden and Mr. Trump for praise for their efforts towards West Asia peace.

Mr. Biden and Mr. Netanyahu held White House talks on Thursday on ceasefire in Gaza, with Vice President Kamala Harris due to meet the Israeli leader later in the day. Republicans nevertheless criticised Ms. Harris for skipping Wednesday's address.

Vice Presidents typically preside over such occasions, and Senate leadership hopeful John Cornyn was one of a number of Republicans who called her no-show "disgraceful".

Mr. Netanyahu will also meet Mr. Trump – with whose administration he had a much less fraught relationship than Mr. Biden's – in Florida on Friday.

Wednesday's address made Israel's longest-serving premier the first foreign leader to address a joint meeting of Congress four times – pulling ahead of Britain's Winston Churchill.

Mr. Netanyahu says only military pressure can free the hostages and defeat Hamas.

It is time to pass torch to 'younger voices', says Biden

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden told Americans on Wednesday he quit the 2024 election to unite the country, saying in a historic Oval Office speech that it was time to pass the torch to "younger voices".

"I revere this office. But I love my country more," the 81-year-old said in an elegiac prime-time address to the nation urging his divided country to embrace democracy and shun hatred.

"The defence of democracy, which is at stake, is more important than any title," Mr. Biden said. "I have decided the best way forward is to pass the torch to a new generation. That is the best way to unite our nation."

Joe Biden

In his first televised address since his stunning decision, Mr. Biden also hailed his Vice President Kamala Harris, 59, who is set to be the new Democratic presidential nominee.

"She's experienced. She's tough. She's capable," Mr. Biden said in just the fourth address of his presidency from behind the Resolute Desk – and likely his last.

Mr. Biden bowed out of the race later than any other president in U.S. history, giving in to weeks of pressure from Democrats after a disastrous debate performance against Donald Trump raised concerns about his age.

Mr. Biden's withdrawal has upended Mr. Trump's campaign, which had previously focused on the President's age and mental acuity. Now it is Mr. Trump, 78, who is the oldest candidate in U.S. history.

Earlier, the White House denied there was any "cover up" over Mr. Biden's condition.

Ms. Harris was also on the campaign trail Wednesday, telling a Black college sorority in Indianapolis that "I am fighting for our nation's future".

Trump attacks Kamala Harris, calls her 'lunatic'

Agence France-Presse
CHARLOTTE

Donald Trump launched a volley of attacks against U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris on Wednesday, calling her a "radical left lunatic" in his first rally since she became the de facto Democratic Party nominee for November's election.

In a speech where he also claimed that Ms. Harris was in favour of the "execution" of babies due to her position on abortions, the former president and Republican nominee said: "She is a radical left lunatic who will destroy our country."

Mr. Trump's address comes as Ms. Harris, 59, hits the campaign trail armed with President Joe Biden's endorsement.

Hasina surveys destruction as unrest recedes

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina wept on Thursday as she surveyed the destruction wrought by days of deadly unrest, as student leaders weighed the future of the protests that sparked the disorder.

Last week's violence killed at least 193 people, including several police officers, in one of the biggest upheavals of Ms. Hasina's 15-year tenure.

The unrest was precipitated by protests against a public jobs quota scheme that critics say gives preference to allies of Ms. Hasina's ruling party.

Thousands of troops are still patrolling cities and a nationwide Internet shutdown remains largely in effect, although clashes have subsided since protest leaders announced a temporary halt to new demonstrations.

Ms. Hasina, 76, spent the morning surveying destruction in the capital Dhaka, where the commuter rail network connecting the sprawling megacity of 20 million people was shut down after mob attacks.

The station was among several government buildings and dozens of police posts torched or vandalised during the unrest.

Students Against Discrimination, the group responsible for organising this month's rallies, said it expected the government to make some concessions.

Myanmar junta, rebel group claim control of regional military headquarters

Agence France-Presse
YANGON

A rebel soldier of the MNDAA near a military base. REUTERS

Myanmar's junta and an ethnic minority armed group both claimed on Thursday they were in control of a town and regional military command in northern Shan state following days of clashes.

Fighting has rocked the town of Lashio, home to the military's northeastern command, since July 3 when an alliance of ethnic armed groups renewed an offensive against junta troops.

Local media run by the Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) reported the group "fully captured the headquarters of the Northeast Military command in Lashio" on Thursday morning and also captured Lashio town, home to around 1,50,000 people.

MNDAA spokesperson Li Jiawen said the group's fighters had captured Lashio, without giving further details.

But junta spokesperson Zaw Min Tun told reporters the claim was "not true". "The insurgents infiltrated the outskirts of Lashio so [the security forces] have been following and clearing them," he said, without giving details.

The northeastern command is located in the north of Lashio.

A video uploaded to social media with a caption saying it was shot in Lashio on Thursday morning showed deserted streets with no soldiers in sight.

The video was geolocated to a site in the town around two kilometres from the command.

Northern Shan state has been rocked by fighting since late last month when an alliance of ethnic armed groups renewed an offensive against the military along the highway to China's Yunnan province.

The clashes have shredded a Beijing-brokered truce that in January halted a campaign by the alliance of the Arakan Army (AA), the Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) and the MNDAA.

Dozens killed

The military has carried out several air strikes around the town during the fighting, according to residents.

Dozens of civilians have been killed or wounded in the recent fighting, according to the junta and local rescue groups.

Neither the junta nor the ethnic alliance have released figures on their own casualties.

Indonesia's Foreign Minister on Thursday slammed the junta's unwillingness to engage with a regional peace plan to resolve the conflict, speaking after meeting her Singaporean counterpart on the sidelines of an Association of Southeast Asian Nations foreign ministers meeting in Laos.

Government of Odisha, "e"- Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Bid Identification No. C.C.E.Dkl.(R&B)02/2024-25
Letter No. 1479/ Dt.24/07/2024 Email Id- sedklpwd@gmail.com

The Chief Construction Engineer, Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bids in double cover system to be received in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Building works as detailed below:

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5. Class of contractor	:	'A' Class & 'Special' Class (as given in column No.07 of table)
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RE-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited from manufacturers/direct importers / loan licensees on behalf of Department of Health, Govt of Kerala for the procurement of following categories of drugs / supplies for the year 2024-25.

Sl. No.	Tender No. and Date	Category	No. of Items
1.	KMSCL/ED/III&VIII/RT/2024/016 dtd. 24.07.2024	Drugs/ Supplies	29

Schedule of dates

	Date	Time
Last date of online uploading of tenders	12.08.2024	Up to 05.00pm.
Date of technical bid opening	16.08.2024	11.00 am. onwards

Tenders shall be downloaded and submitted online through the e-tender portal www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.

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Sl. No. 1, Tender No. RCC/ENG- M/2021/E-69 Tender ID: 2023_RCC_623906_5, Name of work: Balance works for Upgradation of higher side HVAC system at Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, Estimated PAC: ₹ 41,21,617/-, Period of Completion: 30 days.

Last date for the bid submission is 14-08-2024, 05.00PM. Further details can be had from Engineering Division, Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India - 695011, during normal working hours (09.00am to 4.30pm) OR visit our Website: www.rcctvm.gov.in
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BRILLIANT BEGINNING

Korean archer Lim shoots a World record to signal her intentions

AFP

South Korean archer Lim Si-hyeon delivered an emphatic statement on Thursday that she is the one to beat at the Olympics with a World and Olympic record 694 in the individual ranking round at the Esplanade des Invalides venue, breaking the previous mark of 692 held by compatriot and 2020 champion Sang Chae-young.

PICTURE PERFECT

Biles nails signature vault, gets ready for a golden campaign

GETTY IMAGES

US gymnastics superstar Simone Biles got her first taste of Bercy Arena on Thursday, opening podium training on balance beam ahead of the start of the Olympic women's competition at the weekend. Biles is strongly tipped to add to her cache of four Olympic golds at the Paris Games.

PULLING OUT

Two-time gold medallist Murray withdraws from singles event

AP

Andy Murray has withdrawn from the tennis singles at the Paris Olympics but will take part in doubles, the two-time gold medallist said on Thursday. The British former World No. 1, not fully recovered from a back surgery, believes the doubles, where he is playing with Dan Evans, offers his best chance of another medal.

BIDDING ADIEU

Kerber to hang up her racquet after the Paris journey

REUTERS

Three-time Grand Slam champion and 2016 Rio Olympics silver medallist Angelique Kerber will retire after the Paris Games, the German said on Thursday. "Before the Olympics begin, I can already say that I will never forget Paris 2024 because it will be my last professional tournament as a tennis player," said Kerber.

Archers overcome wobbly start, enter the last eight

Both the women's and men's teams take time to find their rhythm, earn historic quarterfinal berth; Dhiraj places fourth in individual rankings with an improved showing in the second half

Never say die: Inspired by Tarundeep, Dhiraj pulled off a dramatic comeback. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Deepika... experience counts. PTI

PARIS 2024

Jonathan Selvaraj
PARIS

The first world record of the 2024 Paris Olympics fell in the archery range set up against Paris' iconic 17th century Invalides complex. South Korea's Lim Sihyeon raced away to a mammoth score of 694 out of a possible 720.

The Indian trio of Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Bhajan Kaur - the first athletes from the country in action at the Paris Games - wore smiles at the end of the archery line-up. Their individual scores weren't nearly as impressive as the South Korean's but there was a lot to celebrate as a team.

Ankita finished 11th in the 64-strong field with a total of 666, while Bhajan and Deepika finished 22nd and 23rd with scores of 659 and 658 respectively. The combined team total stood at 1983 - the best total ever shot by an Indian women's team at any competition, placed them fourth at the end of qualification. This was India's best-ever finish in team rankings at the Olympics and earned them a direct berth into the quarterfinal - just two team wins away from a historic first medal.

Later in the day, the men's team - powered by a stirring second-half comeback from Dhiraj Bommadevara - finished in third place place in the men's team competition with a Olympic-best total of 2013 points. Bommadevara himself finished fourth in the individual rankings with a score of 681 while Tarundeep Rai, featuring in his final Olympic Games, shot a solid 674. While Pravin Jadhav had an off day scoring 658, India still finished 16 points clear of fourth-placed China.

More significantly, by finishing in third place, the team isn't drawn to face South Korea - the juggernaut of men's team archery - until the final of the competition.

India's runs to the quarterfinals weren't without their hiccups.

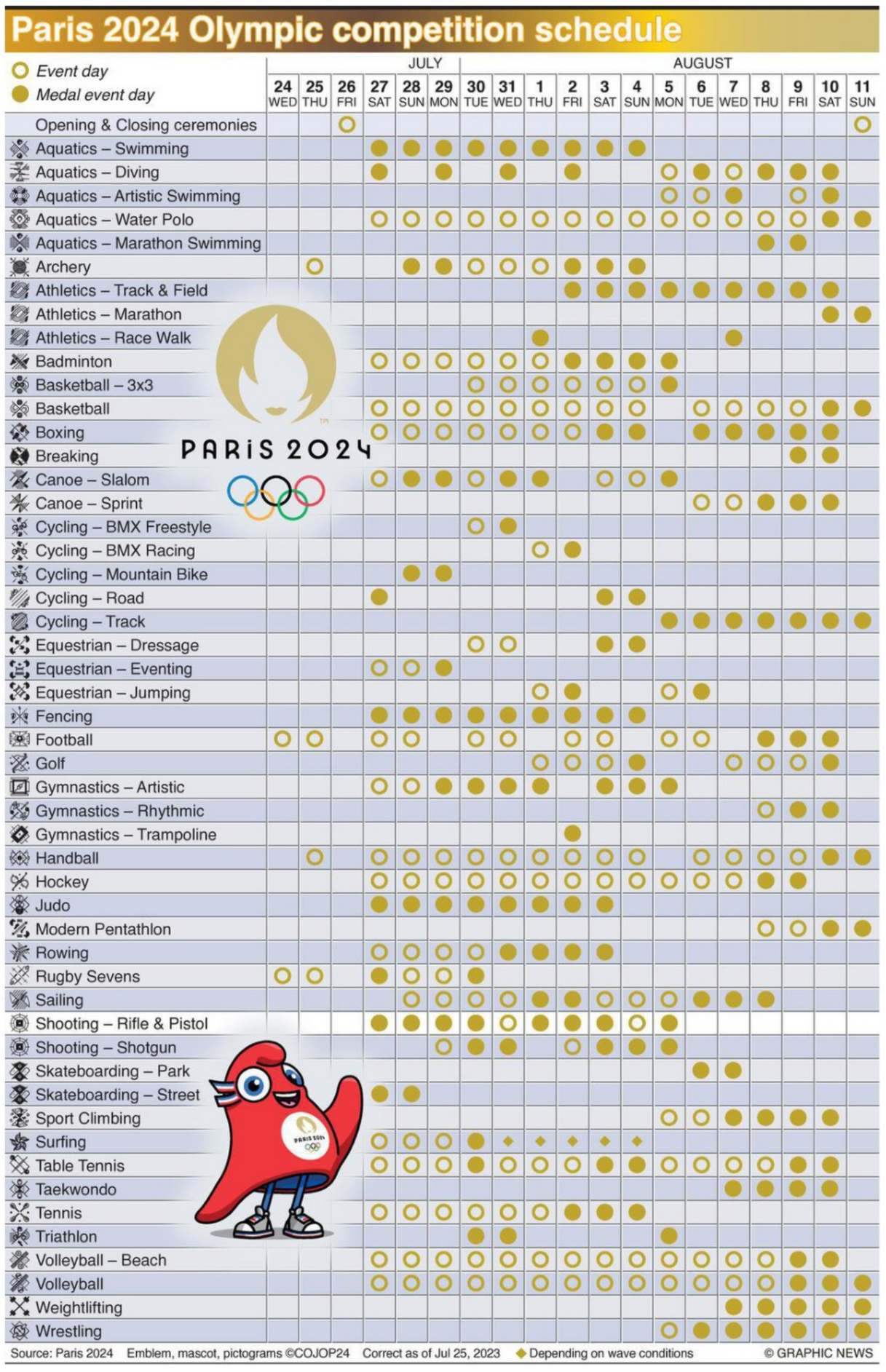
Deepika - competing at her fourth Olympics - couldn't have started worse, entering the red and then the blue rings with a score of 8 and then a six in her first series of six arrows. Archers are given a 15-minute break at the halfway stage -- after shooting 36 arrows- in qualifying and Deepika, languishing in 37th place, clearly needed it. Deepika admits being nervous at that point. "Seniors can't get nervous or what?"

Deepika was able to gather herself in the second half of the competition. Despite another stumble - she went into the black rings this time - shooting a 5 in the tail end of her third series after the break. She bounced back with a ten in the very next series. With Ankita and Bhajan shooting steadily on their Olympic debuts, it was more than enough to see India through to a historic finish.

Dhiraj too, struggled at the start. Individually ranked 24th with a modest score of 335/360 after 36 arrows, he was badly troubled by winds blowing through the range, with five shots into the red '8' point ring in the first half.

Tarundeep's pep talk proved invaluable. "*Fauji hain Fauji jaise lad ke rahenge* (We are soldiers and we will fight like soldiers)," Dhiraj remembered. In the second half, he shot 346/360 - better than anyone else in the field.

Paris 2024 Olympic competition schedule



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Time for another 'Belle Epoque' as the World reels under a troubled backdrop

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PARIS

The river Seine is ready. So is Paris.

France, and the whole world, needs another 'Belle Epoque' – French for beautiful age – at a time when Paris hosts the Olympics, a symbol of peace and unity, against a troubled backdrop of international wars and simmering domestic discontent.

Staging the Games for a third time – and a century after the 1924 edition – the organisers have decided to put up a show that is bold, original, and unique.

Much anticipated

Designed by theatre director Thomas Jolly, Friday's much-anticipated opening ceremony will be held outside a stadium on the Seine, with boats carrying the athletes over a six-km stretch. From Pont d'Austerlitz to Pont d'lena, with the final spectacle to be staged at Trocadero, the event will cover all the eye-catching monuments of this historic city with arrangements to accommodate 3,00,000 spectators.

Lukewarm response

The spectators' response, though, has been lukewarm. Initially criticised for being highly priced, tickets reportedly remained unsold just a few days before the opening.

With a heavy police deployment, the emphasis on security is clear.

The Ukraine war, the Israel-Gaza conflict, and the current political scenario in France are additional headaches for the organisers.

Paris has opted to marry the old and new, converting centuries-old historic buildings to sporting venues for the mega event.

All set: The majestic Seine, with spectator stands to the left, is prepped to host the opening ceremony. RITU RAJ KONWAR

After Athens hosted two editions in a gap of 108 years, the French capital became the second to host after a century and the second after London to do it thrice. Paris falls in a unique series of repeat Olympic hosts, sandwiched between the Tokyo and Los Angeles Games. As the Games' mascot, the Phrygian cap, a traditional symbol of rebellion speaking of the free-spirited French, is another novel aspect.

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Breaking, a dance form which will make its debut at this Games, signals the winds of change and an apparent attempt to woo the younger generation towards the 128-year-old sporting extravaganza.

India, buoyant after its best-ever show of seven medals in the Tokyo Olympics and excited at the prospect of bidding for the 2036 Games, has fielded 117 athletes with a never-before sports science back-up.

With World and Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra and two-time medallist shuttler P.V. Sindhu leading the country's hope, India would love to record a double-digit on the medals tally.

Well documented

The current edition of the Olympics – which has taken an unimaginable leap, symbolised by a few grainy black-and-white pics from 1924 to the digital world in use now – could likely be the most well documented one.

Only a time travel to the early 20th century can tell us of the other changes that humanity and the Olympics have made over a century.

It's time to welcome the 'Games Wide Open!'

The radical transformation of the Games Villages over a century

If the first ever in Paris was a cluster of temporary wooden huts the latest will be transformed into a sustainable city district

Picturesque: A general view of the plaza inside the Village with the Seine in the background. GETTY IMAGES

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From making its first appearance here as a novel concept in 1924, the Olympic Games Village has come a long way to be an environmentally friendly legacy project for Paris 2024.

If the first ever Games Village – a cluster of temporary wooden huts near the Colombes Stadium catered to the athletes with some basic facilities, including a post-office, a restaurant, a hairdresser, a newspaper kiosk, a laundry and a foreign exchange outlet – the latest one is promoted not only as a home away from home but also aims at benefitting the locals post the Games.

Built on a former industrial wasteland bordering the communes of Saint-Denis, Saint-Ouen-sur-Seine and L'île-Saint-Denis, the now-buzzing and heavily guarded Olympic Village will be transformed into a sustainable city district, with housing, offices and shops, where almost 12,000 people will live and work by 2025.

The Village, built on the banks of the Seine and consisting of 40 modern towers (including 2800 apartments) and plenty of plantation, has been designed keeping in mind Paris 2024's target of lowering carbon emissions significantly and living up to environmental challenges even after two-and-a-half decades.

Solutions for low-carbon construction and a site adapted to the climatic conditions of 2050 include triple glazing, cooling floors, green spaces and geothermal energy, according to the Games website.

For now, it will accommodate more than 14,000 athletes and support staff during the Olympics and another 8000 during the Paralympics.

To achieve sustainability goals, modular partitions will be re-used and furniture will have a second life after the Games. Beds made of cardboards, like the Tokyo Olympics, and mattresses made of recycled fishing nets are some of the steps taken in this regard.

Running on 100 per cent renewable energy and designed without air-conditioners was a conscious decision taken to align with the Games' go-green philosophy.

"The atmosphere in the Village is good, the weather is nice. Living and eating in the Village is very good," said five-time Olympian Sharath Kamal.

Sports science back-up provided is unprecedented, says Narang

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Gagan Narang, Olympic bronze medal-winning shooter and chef-de-mission of the Indian contingent at Paris 2024, said the sports science back-up provided to the country's athletes in this Games is unprecedented.

Narang said the sports science team, under the leadership of renowned sports injury expert Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala, is a never-before support for the Indian athletes.

"Dr. Pardiwala has worked with a lot of elite athletes previously, so he understands what is required from their perspective. We have physiotherapists, masseurs and a sleep expert. We've just installed our sleep pods for someone who is not able to sleep properly or comfortably. We have a nutritionist. So, this is unprecedented and I'm very happy that we're able to provide these to our athletes," Narang told reporters here on Thursday.

"Athletes have been using the medical unit quite frequently and are quite satisfied with it. The good part about this is that they can just come down from their building and go to the medical room and get things done instead of going to the main polyclinic."

Gagan Narang. FILE PHOTO

Narang pointed out a change in mindset of the Indian athletes. "Earlier, people wanted to participate, but now they're here to win. They want to come here and perform. That's the change in mindset of the athletes. I'm happy that in terms of strength we are equal to that of China with the same number of athletes."

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) is working to sort out some issues, said Narang.

"There are a few leading issues that we are trying to mitigate with the organising committee and they promised that these issues will be sorted out very soon. I would not like to discuss (those) to keep the environment positive for all of us and the team because everyone reads what we write," he said.

What a feeling!

Great honour: Ace shooter Abhinav Bindra, India's first individual Olympic gold medallist, who took part in the torch relay in Paris on Wednesday wrote on X: 'the spirit of the Games lives in each of us, and I am humbled to be part of this incredible journey. Let's continue to inspire, dream, and achieve together.' X@ABHINAV_BINDRA

Palestine contingent welcomed with open arms

Associated Press
PARIS

Palestinian Olympic athletes were greeted with a roar of a crowd and gifts of food and roses as they arrived in Paris on Thursday, ready to represent war-torn Gaza and the rest of its territories on a global stage.

As the beaming athletes walked through a sea of Palestinian flags at the main Paris airport, they said they hoped their presence would serve as a symbol amid the Israel-Hamas war that has claimed more than 39,000 Palestinian lives.

Athletes, French supporters and politicians in the crowd urged the European nation to recognise a Palestinian state, while others expressed outrage at Israel's presence at the Games after U.N.-backed human rights experts said Israeli authorities were responsible for "war crimes and crimes against humanity."

For their heroes: The Palestine athletes were greeted with a roar and gifts. AFP

"France doesn't recognise Palestine as a country, so I am here to raise the flag," said Yazan Al-Bawwab, a 24-year-old Palestinian swimmer born in Saudi Arabia.

"We're not treated like human beings, so when we come play sports, people realise we are equal to them.

"We're 50 million people without a country."

Al-Bawwab, one of eight athletes on the Palestinian team, signed autographs for supporters and plucked dates from a plate offered by a child in the crowd.

The chants of "free Palestine" echoing through the Paris Charles de Gaulle airport show how conflict and the political tension are rippling through the Olympic Games.

The world is coming together in Paris at a moment of global political upheaval, multiple wars, historic migration and a deepening climate crisis, all issues that have risen to the forefront of conversation in the Olympics.

In May, French President Emmanuel Macron said he is prepared to officially recognise a Palestinian state but that the step should "come at a useful moment" when emotions aren't running as high.

POSTCARD FROM PARIS

Parisians manage to find their own way to relax near the Seine

Amid heavy security on both banks of River Seine for the Olympic Games opening ceremony on Friday, Parisians manage to find their own way to relax near the river which is an integral part of their City.

A walk around the closely fenced and barricaded Invalides area would give a nice view of the banks of Seine decorated with the Olympic themes and colours and temporary stands erected for the non-traditional opening.

Still, the crowd thronged Passerelle Leopold Sedar Senghor, the only bridge open for the public, to relax and spend some time with their near and dear ones.

A lady playing a beautiful tune on violin drew some admirers and built the mood for the Games with just a day to go.

Getting into the mood: People gathered on a bridge over the Seine where the opening ceremony will be held. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Cycles and non-electric scooters gain popularity

The general inclination of the Parisians towards fitness aligns with the objectives of the Olympic Games, which aims at promoting a fit and healthy lifestyle among people. When you step out onto the streets of Paris, people, across age groups, cycling to their destinations is a common sight.

Not just cycles, but one witnesses many youth preferring non-electric scooters. These have gained popularity because of being portable, the flexibility of using them on roads and inside metro stations apart from being stylish and inexpensive. The use of non-energy reliant conveyance also makes an impact as a sustainable practice

Police and pay raise

In the run-up to Paris 2024, a few protests hit the headlines. One of the most prominent was the threat of a strike by Paris City police officials, who demanded a pay hike keeping in view the possibility of long working hours.

The presence of Paris police, dressed in their smart navy-blue uniform, at various Games venues is unmissable. A conversation with one of them tells that a police personnel has to be on duty for 12 hours a day during the Olympics. Probe a little further, through app-enabled translation, you get to know that they succeeded to get a pay raise.

"It was very difficult to manage with the pay we used to get," said a policeman. Now, they are a happier lot, ensuring a smooth delivery of the Olympics.

— Y.B. Sarangi

Djokovic, Nadal in potential second-round clash

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Grand Slam record-breakers Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal were placed on an Olympics second-round collision course in the draw for the Paris Games on Thursday.

Nadal, a singles gold medallist at the 2008 Olympics, is playing in his final Games having also won doubles gold in Rio in 2016 while Djokovic was a bronze medallist in singles in 2008.

Djokovic, a 24-time Major winner and top seed in Paris following the withdrawal of World No. 1 Jannik Sinner, begins his campaign against Australia's Matthew Ebden.

Nadal, who has won 14 of his 22 Grand Slams on the clay of Roland Garros, faces Hungary's Marton Fucsovics in his opener.

French Open and Wimbledon champion Carlos Alcaraz, the second seed, faces 275th-ranked Hady Habib of Lebanon.

Angelique Kerber, who won three Grand Slam titles and was a silver medallist in singles at the 2016 Rio Olympics, faces four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka of Japan in her opening round.

Women's World No. 1 Iga Swiatek, returning to the scene of her fourth French Open title last month, begins against Romania's Irina-Camelia Begu.

Second-ranked US Open champion Coco Gauff, who missed the Tokyo Olympics three years ago with Covid, takes on Australia's Ajla Tomljanovic.

Bonding: Djokovic and Alcaraz exchanged pleasantries during practice on Thursday. REUTERS

Bangladesh determined to stop the Indian juggernaut

Sultana's team has a bunch of decent slow bowlers who could test the Indian batters; the Women in Blue have pummelled the opposition in all three games in the tournament and will look to continue the dominant run

ASIA CUP

Press Trust of India
DAMBULLA

Shafali Verma will be aiming to come out all guns blazing while Smriti Mandhana will be more than motivated to get a big one as India starts overwhelming favourite against Bangladesh in the semifinal of the women's Asia Cup here on Friday.

Shafali, with 158 runs, has been the second highest run-scorer in the tournament so far and against Nigar Sultana's team, which has a host of slow bowlers, she will have to give India a good start.

The 'Women In Blue' pummelled the opposition in all three games – winning by seven wickets against Pakistan, 78 runs against UAE and by an 82-run margin against Nepal.

However, skipper Harmanpreet Kaur knows that in Asia Cup, it is only the semifinal and final that matter the most and India would not miss the fact that Bangladesh on select days can be a dangerous side. The start will be very important for India and Shafali will want her senior opening partner Smriti to also fire in unison.

On a roll: The Indian bowlers will seek to continue their fantastic run in pursuit of an eighth Asia Cup title. X@BCCIWOMEN

The elegant left-hander was in great nick during her knock (45) against Pakistan, which could have been a bigger one in terms of volume.

With UAE and Nepal being two of the three opponents during the group league stage, the Indian team would certainly face a sterner test against a bunch of decent slow bowlers in the Bangladesh ranks.

Slow left-arm orthodox Nahida Akhter and young leg-spinner Rabeya Khan have both claimed five wickets apiece.

While Nahida with an economy rate of 3.25 would like to build the pressure on an experienced batting line-up while leg-spinner Rabeya is likely to push for wickets.

However, with Harmanpreet, Richa Ghosh and Jemimah Rodrigues coming in the middle-order and all-rounders Deepti Sharma and Puja Vastrakar to complement them, India has a lot of quality in their ranks.

With pitches at the Dambulla Stadium slowing down considerably during the second half, India would like to defend a total on the big day.

Off-spinner Deepti has been very consistent with the ball taking eight wickets in three games so far.

Bangladesh hasn't had too many impactful batters and if India can post anything in the range of 140-plus, it could well be enough for a place in the final.

The teams (from):

India: Harmanpreet Kaur (Capt.), Richa Ghosh, Uma Chetry, Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, Deepti Sharma, Pooja Vastrakar, Arundhati Reddy, Jemimah Rodrigues, Renuka Thakur, D. Hemalatha, Asha Sobhana, Radha Yadav, Shreyanka Patil and Sajana Sajeevan.

Bangladesh: Nigar Sultana Joty (Capt.), Shorna Akter, Nahida Akter, Murshida Khatun, Shorifa Khatun, Ritu Moni, Rubya Haider Jhelik, Sultana Khatun, Jahanara Alam, Dilara Akter, Ishma Tanjim, Rabeya Khan, Rumana Ahmed, Marufa Akter and Sabikun Nahar Jesmin.

Match starts at 2 p.m. IST.

Fielding in focus, says opener Shafali Verma

Press Trust of India
DAMBULLA

The dominant run notwithstanding, opener Shafali Verma said India will need to improve in all areas of the game ahead of their women's Asia Cup semifinal against Bangladesh here on Friday.

Shafali is the second highest run-getter in the tournament with 158 runs, averaging over 52, from three matches.

The explosive opener said that the lower-order batters have also been working on their skills in the nets, particularly because they are yet to get a chance to bat in the Asia Cup.

"They haven't had much of a chance (to bat). But Deepti (Sharma), Pooja (Vastrakar) and all others are practising well, and I am sure they are ready to hit a few sixes whenever their opportunity comes," she said.

The 20-year-old said the defending champion has placed a special emphasis on fielding after a largely underwhelming effort thus far in the event.

"Hopefully, we will be able to tick the boxes in all three departments – batting, bowling, fielding – tomorrow. against Bangladesh," she said.

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INBRIEF

Madushanka replaces Thushara in Sri Lanka squad

Sri Lanka pacer Nuwan Thushara has been ruled out of the upcoming three-match T20I series against India after picking up a finger injury on Wednesday. Fellow pacer Dilshan Madushanka, *in pic.*, has been named as replacement.

France winger Diaby goes to Al-Ittihad from Aston Villa

Aston Villa confirmed the sale of France winger Moussa Diaby to Saudi Pro League club Al-Ittihad on Wednesday for a reported fee of around £50 million. The 25-year-old Diaby only moved to Villa Park last summer and scored 10 goals in 54 appearances across competitions, helping Unai Emery's side qualify for Champions League.

Ocon to drive for Haas from next season

Frenchman Esteban Ocon will drive for Haas from next season as a replacement for Kevin Magnussen, the American Formula One team said on Thursday. Details of the deal were not announced, with Haas only saying the 27-year-old driver committed to a "multi-year contract starting with 2025 FIA F1 World Championship".

LIVE TELECAST

Women's Asia Cup: India vs Bangladesh, Star Sports 1 Hindi (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 2 p.m.; Sri Lanka vs Pakistan, 7 p.m.

England vs West Indies: 3rd Test, day 1, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.

Olympics 2024: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 5.30 p.m. onwards.

TNPL: Star Sports 1 Tamil (SD & HD) & FanCode, 7.15 p.m.

'Woods will be as involved as he wants in Ryder Cup'

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

New 2025 US Ryder Cup captain Keegan Bradley said Tiger Woods, who was in talks for the post, will be as involved with the US squad as he desires.

Bradley said he spoke with 15-time Major winner Woods at the British Open last week. "I've told Tiger that I want him to be as involved as he wants to be," said the 2011 PGA Championship winner. "With the British Open going on, we're not really chatting too much about that. We both have a job to do and I don't want to bother Tiger with that. I think in the coming months – we're still 14 months out here, so we've got a long time."

Bradley, 38, was named the US Ryder Cup captain earlier this month to lead the Americans against Luke Donald's Europe squad at Bethpage Black near New York.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Victorious: The Beagles Basketball Club that won the first State women's basketball league championship in Bengaluru recently. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Well done! Aditi and Yashas with their big prizes. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Pass FC rides on Raziya's hat-trick

Raziya Khan scored a hat-trick as Pass FC blanked Pink Panthers FC 4-0 in the Karnataka Women's League football here on Thursday.

The results: Pass FC 4 (Raziya Khan 9, 11, 86, Ruchi 45) bt Pink Panthers FC 0; Kickstart FC 6 (K.U. Spoorti 15, Khushi Kumari 39, Marriyammal Balamurugan 54, Renu 65, Aarti 73, A. Durga 86) bt United FC Kodagu 0.

JSC hoopsters post win

JSC defeated Hebbal BC 43-37 in a boys match at the State sub-junior basketball championship here on Thursday. In a girls category game, Rajmahal BC beat Vijayapura District 30-15.

Yashas and Aditi triumph

Yashas Raj and Aditi Khanapuri secured the boys and girls singles titles respectively at the ANT-AITA U-16 Championship Series tennis tournament here on Thursday.

While Yashas defeated Darsh Khedekar 6-3, 6-4, Aditi overcame Thanu Vishwas 6-4, 0-6, 6-2.

Sunil's brace highlights DYES-B's victory

S.V. Sunil scored twice as DYES-B defeated Boys Sports Company MEG 6-3 in the Hockey Karnataka League Championship here on Thursday.

The results: DYES-A 6 (Desh Poovaiah 24, A.H. Deekshith 29, M.T. Aryan Uthappa 31, C.H. Rahul 36, H.R. Harsha 40, Majji Ganesh 54) bt Customs & GST 2 (Advaith Nachappa 35, G. Vishwas 59); DYES-B 6 (B.S. Dhruva 6, S.V. Sunil 9, 31, Pranam Gowda 15, N.B. Nachappa 36, Mokshith Salyan 57) bt Boys Sports Company MEG 3 (Prasant 12, Manjeet 18, Arjun 58).

Yuki and Olivetti duo loses in quarterfinals

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Top seeds Yuki Bhambri and Albano Olivetti lost 6-4, 1-6, [10-6] to Manuel Guinard and Gregoire Jacq in the quarterfinals of the €579,320 ATP tennis in Umag, Croatia. The Indo-French pair collected 45 ATP points and €5,370.

Other results: $25,000 ITF, Astana: Men:
Pre-quarterfinals: S.D. Prajwal Dev bt Karan Singh 3-6, 6-1, 6-0; Aleksandre Bakshi (Geo) bt Sai Karteek Reddy 6-3, 6-4.
Doubles: Quarterfinals: Egor Agafonov & Ilia Simakin bt Alafia Ayeni (USA) & Sai Karteek Reddy 4-6, 6-3, [11-9].
Women: Pre-quarterfinals: Vaidehi Chaudhari bt Vitalia Diatchenko 1-6, 7-6(3), 6-2.
Doubles: Quarterfinals: Diatchenko & Zhanel Rustemova (Kaz) bt Vaidehi & Ksenia Laskutova 3-6, 6-1, [10-8].
$100,000 ITF women, Figueira da Foz, Portugal: Doubles: Quarterfinals: Evialina Lasskevich & Vasanti Shinde bt Mina Hodzic (Ger) & Sofia Pinto (Por) 6-0, 6-4.
$40,000 ITF women, Dallas: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Sophie Chang & Dalayna Hewitt (USA) bt Shrivalli Bhamidipaty & Sahaja Yamalapalli 6-2, 6-4.
$25,000 ITF women, Casablanca: Pre-quarterfinals: Tiantosa Rajaonah (Fra) bt Zeel Desai 6-1, 6-2.
$25,000 ITF women, Segovia, Spain: Doubles: Quarterfinals: Cadence Brace (Can) & Halley Giavara (USA) bt Riya Bhatia & Daria Frayman (Cyp) 6-3, 6-3.

Champions Way expected to score in Krishnaraja Wadiyar Trophy

RACING

BENGALURU: Champions Way, who has been well tuned, is expected to score in the Krishnaraja Wadiyar Trophy (1,200m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Friday (July 26).
False rails (width about 8m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 CLASSICAL ACT PLATE (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 6-y-o & over, 2-05 p.m.: 1. Noble Ruler (5) Koshi K 61.5, 2. Golden Gallery (3) G. Vivek 60, 3. Mega Success (6) Jagadeesh 60, 4. Princess Jasmine (8) Shreyas S 60, 5. Benignity (2) C. Hemanth 58.5, 6. Sacred Creator (7) M. Rajesh K 58, 7. Debonair (1) Rayan 57 and 8. Amazing Luck (4) P. Mani 55.5.
1. GOLDEN GALLERY,
2. MEGA SUCCESS,
3. SACRED CREATOR

2 ROMANTIC DANCE STAKES (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 2-40: 1. August (6) Antony 60, 2. Pharazon (2) Suraj 59, 3. Sassy (1) Akshay K 59, 4. Turkoman (4) Arshad 58, 5. My Vision (9) Arvind K 56, 6. Isabelle (5) L.A. Rozario 54, 7. Regal Aristocracy (8) G. Vivek 54, 8. Quick Witted (7) Dhanu S 53 and 9. Sea Jack (3) Saddam H 52.5.
1. PHARAZON, 2. SASSY, 2. AUGUST

3 CHETTINAD STUD PLATE (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 3-15: 1. Aherne (11) Sandesh 61.5, 2. Stellar Gold (1) Darshan 59.5, 3. Extraordinary (9) S.K. Paswan 56.5, 4. Golden Time (3) Faizan Khan 56.5, 5. Tignanello (8) B.R. Kumar 56, 6. Kallu Sakkare (4) Sai Kiran 56, 7. High Opinion (5) Akshay K 55, 8. Indian Blues (7) M. Rajesh K 53.5, 9. Ardakan (6) Arvind K 52.5, 10. Sekhmet (10) Saddam H 52 and 11. Own Legacy (2) Rayan 51.5.
1. HIGH OPINION,
2. AHERNE,
3. KALLU SAKKARE

4 SPEAKER'S CUP (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3-50: 1. Joyful Spirit (6) Faizan Khan 56, 2. Sparkling Dew (3) Dhanu S 56, 3. Stentorian (10) M. Prabhakaran 56, 4. Anzac Parade (11) Rayan 54.5, 5. Days Date (4) L.A. Rozario 54.5, 6. Finley (7) Suraj 54.5, 7. Icy Wind (8) Jagadeesh 54.5, 8. Joon (9) Sandesh 54.5, 9. Martha (2) G. Vivek 54.5, 10. Silicon Star (1) Sai Kiran 54.5 and 11. Totally Epic (5) Vinod Shinde 54.5.
1. FINLEY,
2. MARTHA,
3. DAYS DATE

5 KRISHNARAJA WADIYAR TROPHY (1,200m), rated 80 & above, 4-25: 1. Polished Girl (1) C. Hemanth 63, 2. Priceless Gold (2) P. Siddaraju 61.5, 3. Champions Way (5) Suraj 56, 4. Shubankar (6) Jagadeesh 54, 5. Aldgate (4) Sandesh 52.5 and 6. Yukan (3) J. Chinoy 52.5.
1. CHAMPIONS WAY,
2. ALDGATE

6 PRINCE KHARTOUM PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Anzac Pipernal (6) P. Siddaraju 62, 2. Anadale (7) L.A. Rozario 60, 3. Measure Of Time (3) Rayan 59, 4. Southernaristocrat (8) B.L. Paswan 57.5, 5. Smile Of Beauty (4) B. Nayak 56, 6. Invincible (5) S.J. Moulin 54, 7. Golden Starlet (2) M. Rajesh K 52 and 8. The Omega Man (1) Ram Nandan 50.5.
1. ANADALE,
2. ANZAC PIPERNAL,
3. MEASURE OF TIME
Day's best: FINLEY
Double: PHARAZON – CHAMPIONS WAY
Jkt: 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; Tr (i): 1, 2 and 3; (ii): 4, 5 and 6.

BCCI to meet with the team owners on July 31

Discussions regarding the *modus operandi* for the mega auction including player retentions, Right to Match cards, and incremental contracts for cricketers on the anvil

IPL

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

The annual meeting between the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise owners and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) officials to discuss the *modus operandi* for the next mega auction has been scheduled for July 31 in Mumbai.

The Hindu understands that the BCCI chief operating officer has reached out to franchise officials and owners of all the IPL teams on Thursday.

The BCCI office-bearers are expected to hear from all the franchises about their suggestions with regard to maximum retentions allowed per franchise and whether the Right to Match (RTM) card should be offered during the auction. Over the last few months, franchise executives have been informally discussing the best possible scenario as regards player retentions.

New look? It remains to be seen how the mega auction planned for later this year is formatted. SPORTZPICS/IPL

Divided house

But they appear to be a divided house, depending on the requirement of a respective franchise to rebuild the team or retain its core.

As a result, from seeking a solitary retention to a maximum of eight, the franchises have different demands. A majority of franchises are also in favour of reintroducing the RTM option that was last used in 2018.

With more than half the IPL franchises tilted towards rebuilding the squad, it will be interesting to see whether the BCCI accedes to their demand.

At least a couple of franchises are also likely to suggest that the tenure of mega auctions be extended to five years than the existing three. Ever since IPL's inception, except for two cycles that were stretched to four years, a convention of three-year cycle for the mega auction has been followed.

Five-year circle?

However, the franchises are in favour of stretching the cycle to five years.

"It will lend security to the players, an opportunity for a franchise to build a squad and market it properly and thus serve BCCI's interests as well," stated a franchise executive, citing anonymity.

Besides, some franchises are also likely to propose incremental contracts for cricketers, especially Indians, during a cycle.

Now, a retained player cannot officially be paid for the next season. It results in a few cricketers taking chances of being released and put into the auction pool for a purse correction.

The franchises feel that if a transparent process to renegotiate with players is allowed, it will be helpful for the franchises and cricketers going forward.

Bengaluru Blasters splurge the moolah on Chethan

MAHARAJA TROPHY

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

L.R. Chethan struck gold as he was procured for a princely sum of ₹8.6 lakh by Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters in the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 auction held at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Thursday.

The 24-year-old right-hand bat, who played for Gulbarga Mystics last season, saw his price swell at the mini auction from the ₹6.2 lakh he commanded in 2023. There were also big deals for seasoned cricketers Shreyas Gopal (₹7.60 lakh, Mangaluru Dragons) and K. Gowtham (₹7.4 lakh, Mysuru Warriors). Wicketkeeper bat Luvnith Sisodia earned ₹7.20 lakh from Gulbarga.

Opening batter Mohammed Taha returned to defending champion Hubli Tigers for ₹6.60 lakh, a handsome 4.1 lakh more than his 2023 billing. The 30-year-old Taha was the player of the tournament last year, scoring 448 runs at a strike-rate of 173.64.

Another good performer in left-arm pacer Abhilash Shetty saw a rise in valuation too, shifting to Mangaluru for ₹6.3 lakh as against the ₹1 lakh he earned 12 months ago at Gulbarga. An eye-popping ₹6.2 lakh was splurged by Bengaluru on left-arm speedster Lavish Kaushal, a registered Karnataka State Cricket Association player who was in the lowest Category-D in the auction.

Karnataka's age-group cricketers, who won the red-ball double of Cooch Behar Trophy (U-19) and Col. C.K. Nayudu Trophy (U-23), were picked up for good amounts with Hardik Raj attracting ₹5.8 lakh from Shivamogga Lions and Macneil Hadley Noronha ₹5 lakh from Mangaluru.

Aneeshwar Gautam, 21, zoomed up to ₹6.20 lakh (Hubli) from ₹2 lakh (Mangaluru), while 18-year-old Samit Dravid, son of Indian legend Rahul Dravid, was picked up by Mysuru for ₹0.5 lakh.

Oft-injured India pacer Prasidh Krishna's value depreciated from ₹7.4 lakh to ₹1 lakh. Senior cricketer R. Samarth, who scored 422 runs at a strike-rate of 141.61 in 2023 and has since moved to Uttarakhand, skipped the auction.

The 2024 Maharaja Trophy gets underway in Bengaluru on August 15.

The big buy: Chethan, who played for Gulbarga Mystics last season, saw his price swell.

The teams (player worth in lakhs): Gulbarga Mystics: Pravin Dubey (6.80), Luvnith Sisodia (7.20), B.R. Sharath (1), Aaditya Nair (0.55), Monish Reddy (1.8), Sharan Goud (0.5), Yashovardhan Parantap (2.20), Nathan D'Mello Joachim (0.6), Faizan Riaz (0.25), Ritesh Bhatkal (0.25), Wahid Faizan Khan (0.25), Abhishek Prabhakar (0.25), Prithvi Shekhawat (0.25), Shimon Luiz (0.5); Retained: Devdutt Padikkal (13), V. Vyshak (8.8), R. Smaran (3.15), K.V. Aneesh (1.1).

Hubli Tigers: K.C. Cariappa (4.20), Mohammed Taha (6.60), Thippa Reddy (3.40), K.P. Karthikeya (1.2), L.R. Kumar (0.5), Aadarsh Prajwal (0.5), Kruthik Krishna (0.5), Aneeshwar Gautam (6.20), Madhav Prakash Bajaj (0.25), Shreesha S. Achar (2.3), Daman Deep Singh (0.25), Mitrakant Yadav (0.35), Nishchith Pai (0.5), Rishi Bopanna (0.5); Retained: Manish Pandey (10.6), K.L. Shrijith (2.1), Vidhwath Kaverappa (6.7), L. Manvanth Kumar (0.6).

Shivamogga Lions: T. Pradeep (1), Hardik Raj (5.80), Dhruv Prabhakar (0.5), Anand Doddamani (1.90), Rajvir Wadhwa (2.20), D. Avinash (5.40), Dheeraj Mohan (0.25), Bharath Dhuri (0.25), Aadithya Vishwa Karma (0.25), Aditya Mani (1), K. Rohit (0.5), Rohan Naveen (0.25), H.S. Sharath (1), B.A. Mohith (0.7); Retained: Abhinav Manohar (15), Nihal Ullal (2.1), V. Koushik (5.9), Shivaraj (1.1).

Mysuru Warriors: J. Suchith (4.8), K. Gowtham (7.4), Vidyadhar Patil (6.4), M. Venkatesh (3.4), Harshil Dharmani (0.5), Goutham Mishra (2), Dhanush Gowda (0.5), Samit Dravid (0.5), Deepak Devadiga (0.65), Sumit Kumar (0.25), Smayan Srivastava (0.25), E.J. Jasper (0.5), Prasidh Krishna (1), Mohammed Sarfaraz Ashraf (1); Retained: Karun Nair (6.8), C.A. Karthik (4.2), Manoj Bhandage (9), S.U. Karthik (0.5).

Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters: Anirudha Joshi (3), M.G. Naveen (2.3), Prateek Jain (1), L.R. Chethan (8.6), M. Kranthi Kumar (4.4), Santokh Singh (0.6), Aditya Goyal (1.1), S. Rakshith (0.75), T.N. Varun Rao (0.65), Niranjan Naik (0.27), Lavish Kaushal (6.20), Varun Kumar (0.25), Shikhar Shetty (0.5), Bheem Rao Navale (0.25); Retained: Mayank Agarwal (14), Shubhang Hegde (4.3), Mohsin Khan (0.5).

Mangaluru Dragons: Shreyas Gopal (7.6), Dheeraj J. Gowda (1), M.B. Darshan (1), Macneil Hadley Noronha (5), Tushar Singh (1.8), K.S. Lankesh (4), Samarth Nagaraj (3), S.S. Sankalp (0.7), Abhilash Shetty (6.3), Nischith Rao (0.5), Lochan S. Gowda (0.5), Pranav Bhatia (0.5), Sanjay Ashwin (0.29), Sagar Solanki (0.25); Retained: K.V. Siddharth (4.4), Nikin Jose (7), Rohan Patil (3.7), Paras Gurbax Arya (0.5).

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Hassan
IFT No.08/2024-25, Dated: 24-07-2024

Short term tenders are invited from eligible Agencies in two cover system through KPPP portal of GOK (website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) for HASSAN & Chikkamagaluru District works as per SBD-KW- 1,2,3 Maximum estimated amount is Rs.95.00 lakhs & Minimum estimated amount is Rs.2.00 lakhs. The last date of receipt of tender is 02.08.2024 upto 5.00 PM hours. Further detail can be had from KPPP portal and the above office during office working hours. Note: "Bidder should quote the rates including GST".

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Minor Irrigation Division, Hassan.

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Government of Karnataka
Office of the Director of Printing, Stationery & Publications
R.V. College Post, 8th Mile, Mysore Road,
Bengaluru - 560 059, Phone: 080-28484515/080-28484518

No. DPS/CSTG/TPB/4/2024 **Dt. 23.07.2024**

Brief Tender Notification
(through e-procurement)

Online Tenders are invited under two cover system from eligible printers & binders located within Bengaluru (within BBMP limits) for single and four colour printing & binding services at Government Central Press, Bengaluru on annual rate contract. Estimated Value of the tender **Rs. 50.00 lakhs** and total EMD is **Rs.2.50 lakhs**. Last date for submission of the tender is on dt.**12.08.2024**. Detail tender document may be downloaded from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. For any information above office may be contacted.

Sd/- Director
Tender Inviting Authority

DIPR/CP/1086/AKAR/2024-25

ZILLA PANCHAYATH, KOLAR
BACKWARD CLASS WELFARE DEPARTMENT, KOLAR DISTRICRT,
E.T.C.M HOSPITAL FRONT, BANGARPET ROAD,
KOLARAMMA LAKE, 5TH WARD, KURUBARPETE, KOLAR-563 101 Phone:08152-222336, Email:dobcmkolar@gmail.com
No: DBCDKO/HOSTEL/FOOD/C.R-29/2024-25
DATE:23.07.2024

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

For the year 2024-25 & 2025-26, E-Tender Notification is issued for E-Procurement through double covered system called District wise separately for the supply of the Food Grains to Pre/Post Metric Hostels under Backward Classes Welfare Department, Kolar District. Interested persons may participate through **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/KPPP** Tender information may be taken from E-Procurement Portal. Tender may be submitted through online from **23.07.2024 to 26.08.2024 evening 5.00 P.M.** For more details may be taken from this office during office hours and also any further details may be taken from following website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/KPPP**

Sd/-
District Officer
Backward Classes Welfare Department
Kolar District, Kolar

DIPR/KOLAR/RO:126/KSMCA/2024-25

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BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM-East), 5th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Through KPP Portal Only)

BWSSB invites tenders from registered agencies for the following works.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount Put to Tender / EMD Amount	Time for Last date & Receipt of tender	Date & time for Opening of tender
1	(WWM-STP) C.Valley	BWSSB/EE (WWM-STP)CV/ PB/167/2024-25, Date: 19.07.2024 (Call-3)	Rs. 37,50,000/- / Rs. 88,500/-	01.08.2024 upto 4:00 p.m.	03.08.2024 after 11:00 a.m.

Sd/- Executive Engineer(WWM-STP)C.V.

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact the above office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/RA/1098/2024-25

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of Chief Health Officer (Public Health), BBMP Head Office, Ground Floor, Annex-2 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru- 560 002.

No.:HO(FW)/PR/P27/RCHO/P-10/24-25 **Date:25.07.2024**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only)

BBMP invites tenders from eligible tenderers for **1) Supply of NQAS equipment to 160 UPHC's of BBMP. 2) Request for proposal, for conducting FT4, TSH and Vitamin B-12 Lab tests to Pregnant women of BBMP UPHCS, Maternity Home, and Referral Hospitals on outsource basis.**

Tender Reference No.	**1) BBMP/2024-25/IND0055 2) BBMP/2024-25/SE0865**
Date of Commencement of downloading the documents from KPP portal	**from 25.07.2024 onwards.**
Last date and time for uploading online queries the tenders in KPP Portal.	**29.07.2024 upto 5.00 p.m.**
Date, Time & Venue of Pre-bid Meeting:	**29.07.2024 at 11.00 a.m.** at Office of the CHO Public Health, Ground Floor, Annexe-3 Building Bengaluru - 560002.
Last date and time for uploading the tenders in KPP Portal.	**08.08.2024 upto 5.00 p.m.**
Date & Time of Opening of technical bids in KPP Portal.	**09.08.2024 at 5.10 p.m.**

Further details can be obtained from the KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Health Officer (Public Health).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the my client R.Jayaprakash, R/at.#141, 1st 'A' Main, East of NGEF, Kasturi Nagar, Banaswadi, Bengaluru-560043, has lost the Original document papers belongs to his wife late.M.Girija. i.e., Sale Deed dated 26-12-2003, executed between the Secretary, Mysore Development Authority, Mysore and Smt.M.Girija, D/o. P.Muniramaiah, registered as Document No.MYN-1-1 1753 /2003-04, Stored in CD No.MYND7, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Mysore (North) vide dt.19-01-2004, Original Sanction Letter dt. 14-07-2003, Original Katha Certificate & Katha extract bearing No.385, dt. 7-11-2006. In this aspect, my client has lodged a Police Complaint to the Bangalore City Police, vide Serial No.1158366, dt.23-07-2024. If anybody found, kindly inform to me or to My client Sri.R.Jayapraksh. Mobile No.9448209252.

Description of lost Original Documents

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.275, 3rd Stage, Devanuru, N.R.Mohalla, Mysore, measuring East to West:12.00 Mts and North to South: 18:00mts, total 216.00 Sq.Mts, bounded on: East by: Site.No.274, West by: Site.No.276 North by: Site.No.238 South by: Road.

sd/-
(M.V.CHANDRASHEKR)
Advocate,

M.V. CHANDRA SHEKAR.
B.Sc., LL.B., Advocate.
#936, 20th Main Road,
Banashankari 2nd Stage,
Bengaluru-560070
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Government of Karnataka
RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY & SANITAION DEPARTEMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA .
Phone No.: 08194-234488 e-mail: eerdwsd.chd@gmail.com

No.: R.W.S.&S./D/C/EE/Tender/ /2024-25/426 Date: 23.07.2024

Tender Notification

On behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka tender is invited in two cover system, through e-procurement portal, subject to Standard Tender Document KW-2 Terms, from eligible class registered contractors registered with Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Circle, Davanagere/Chief Engineer,Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Bengaluru for work of I.E.C./H.R.D. activities being implemented by Implementation Support Agency (I.S.A.) of Rs. 143.25 lakhs under Jal Jeevan Mission Scheme for the year 2024-25 in the jurisdiction of Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Chitradurga in the limits of Chitradurga District. Last date for submission of Tender: 06.08.2024, 4.00 PM. Date of opening the Technical Bid: 07.08.2024 at 4.30 PM. and Date of opening the Financial Bid: 08.08.2024 at 11.00 AM. Details of the work are published in website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and for further information contact the Executive Engineer, R.W.S & S. Division, Chitradurga during working hours of the office.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 143/2024-25

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
R.D.W.S. & S. Division, Chitradurga

TOWN MUNCIPAL COUNCIL,
Town Hall Road, Madhugiri-572132
E-Mail: itstaff_ulb_madhugiri@yahoo.co.in

No:TMC/MDG/Tech/CR/28/2024-25 **Date: 22.07.2024**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

As per KTTP Act 1999-2000 Rule 2000, Chief Officer, Town Municipal Council, Madhugiri was invited Tender for Works under grants from eligible contractors who was registered in Public Works Department Tenderer can participate Tender for the following works in KPPP Portal website (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) Note: For more Information contact office during working hours. Any Corrigendum or Addendum issued it will be given in Kppp Portal.

KPPP Portal WORK INDENT : 1. DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT22476. Tender cost Rs.65,00,000/- Lakhs. EMD Rs.1,30,000/- Last Date of Tender: 06.08.2024 Date for Opening Tender ; 08.08.2024

Sign/-Sri Goturu Shivappa KAS
Presiding Officer & Sub Divisional Officer
Madhugiri, Sub Division
Madhugiri.

Sign/-Sri Suresh S
KMAS G-2
Chief Officer, TMC
Madhugiri.

DIPR/TUM/179/KSMCA/2024-25

Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited (Encore ARC)
acting in its capacity as the Trustee of EARC -Bank - 030 -Trust
Encore ARC Corporate Office Address: 5th Floor, Plot No. 137, Sector 44, Gurugram 122002, Haryana

Public Notice for e-Auction

e-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI Act") read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules").

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Indostar Capital Finance Ltd. to secure dues in the loan account since assigned to Encore ARC (Secured Creditor) acting in its capacity as the Trustee of EARC-BANK-030-TRUST, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indostar Capital Finance Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 28.08.2024 at 11:00 a.m., for recovery of outstanding dues of **Rs.6,01,42,866/- (Rupees Six Crore One Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Six Only) as on 18-04-2024 together with further interest from 19-04-2024 at contractual rate till recovery of outstanding amount and other costs, charges etc. due to the Encore ARC (Secured creditor), from Borrowers viz. (i). M/s. Srilakshmi, (Borrower) & (ii). Mr. Jayaprabhu, (Co-Borrower) & (iii). M/s. Sree Sai Caterers (Co-Borrower).**

The description of the mortgaged immovable property, the details of Reserve Price for the Secured Assets, the Earnest Money Deposit & Minimum Increment Amount in Bidding Process are as under:

Item Sr No.	Name of Account	Description of Property	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.)	Increment in Bidding Process (In Rs.)
1	(I). M/s. Srilakshmi, (Borrower) & (ii). Mr. Jayaprabhu, (Co-Borrower) & (iii). M/s. Sree Sai Caterers (Co-Borrower)	Southern Portion & Northern Portion of Khata No. 563/432, Sy No. 45/8, Siddapura Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore area admeasuring 595 Sq yds. Within the limits of BBMP. Owned by Legal Heirs of Sri. G Sundera Moorthy and Smt. Sri Lakshmi (As per TSR dated 02.05.2017). Boundary : East: 30 feet Road in sy No. 45/8, West: Thubarahalli Boundary, North: Northern Portion of same khata No. South: Property belongs to Naryanamurthy. Measuring east to west 60 ft. and North to South 45 ft. Boundary : East: 30 feet Road in sy No. 45/8 West: Thubarahalli Boundary, North: Remaining portion of same Survey Number, South: Southern Portion of same Khata no. Measuring east to west (57 ½ +60) ft. and North to South 45 ft.	5,50,00,000.00 (Rupees Five Crores Fifty Lakhs Only)	55,00,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Only)	1,00,000.00 (Rupees One Lakh Only)

Date of Inspection of Secured Assets	09.08.2024 between 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Last Date of Submission of online Bid	Before 3.00 PM on 27.08.2024
Date & time of e-Auction	28.08.2024 at 11.00 AM to 1:00 PM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each as per Terms & Conditions mentioned below. Auction Website: https://bankeauctions.com

In case the e-Auction date is declared public holiday then the date will be automatically extended to the very next working day.

Since Encore ARC is acting in its capacity as Trustee of EARC-BANK – 030 -Trust only, any reference of its name in this Public Notice should be construed accordingly.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Encore ARC's website i.e. https://www.encorearc.com and https://bankeauctions.com.

Interested bidders may contact Authorised officer of Encore ARC Mr. K.Nagendran Mobile No. 91762 91717, Mr B.M. Nagaraju, on mobile no. 89399 56230, and Mr. Sabari Sundar on mobile no. 7904918124 for any further information / query.

Date: 26.08.2024
Place: Bangalore

K.Nagendran
Authorised Officer
Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited